

H. England - Henry 8th -



statuta

In parlamento

apud Westmonasterium tertio
die Nouembris Anno regni me-
tuendissimi Anglie et Francie
regis / fidei defensoris / ac domi-

ni Hibernie Henrici octavi vicesimo primo Trento / Bonu publicu
concernentia.

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The kyng our soueraygne lord callynge to his blessed & moost gracious remembrance þe darly & manyfolde dangers/ wherein his good & louing subiectes of this his realme of England do & may incurre by thynges done perpetrated and churched contrary to the order of his lawes/ & hauyng alway tender eye/ with mercy/ pyte/ & compassyon towarde his sayd subiectes/ myndyng of his hygh goodnes & great benygnyte/ so alway to imparte þe saue vnto the/ as iustlyce beyng dayly admynystrer all rygour be excludyd/ & þe great & benyuolēt myndes of þe kynges sayd subiecte largely & many tymes approued towarde his hyghnes by correspondēce of gratitude reacquyted of his mere moeroun/ benygnyte & lyberalyte by auctoryte of his parlyamēt/ hath gyue & graūtyd his lyberall & fre pardon to his sayd good and louyng subiectys & to euery of the to be had taken & enioyed to & by the & euery of the by vertue of his p̄sent acte in maner & forme ensuyng. ¶ That is to wyte/ þe kyngys hyghnes of his sayd benygnyte & hygh lyberalyte is full and resolutely cōtēted & pleased þe it be ordeyned/ established & enacted by auctoryte of this his said parlyamēt/ þe all and euery of his sayd subiectys as well spyrytuall as tēporall/ þe heyres/ succellours/ executours & administratours of the & euery of the/ & all & synguler bodys in any maner of wyse corporat/ cyties/ boroughes/ shires/ rydynges/ hundredes/ lathes/ rapes/ wapentakes/ toynes/ byllages & tythynge/ & euery of them/ þe succellours & the succellour of euery of the shalbe by the auctoryte of this p̄sent p̄lyamēt. acquyted pardoned released & dyscharged agaynst his hyghnes his heyres/ succellours & executours/ and euery of the of all & all maner offences/ cōtemptes/ trespasses/ wydgēs/ deceptes/ mysdemenours/ forfettours/ penalties & p̄ofytes/ sommes of money/ paynes of deth/ & paynes corporal & pecuniary/ & generally of al other thynges/ causes/ quarrels/ lutes/ iudgemētes and excecutions in this p̄sent acte hereafter nat excepted nor forp̄p̄led/ which may be or cā be by his hyghnes in any wyse or by any meane p̄doned/ before and vnto þe last day of þe moneth of October in the. xxi. yere of his moost noble reygne/ to euery of his sayd subiecte bodys corporat/ cyties/ boroughes/ shires/ rydynges/ hundredes/ lathes/ rapes/ wapentakes/ toynes/ byllages/ and tythynge/ or to any of the. And also þe kynges hyghnes is cōtēted þe it be enacted by auctoryte of this p̄sent parlyamēt/ þe this sayd fre pardon shalbe as good & effectual in þe law to euery of his sayd subiecte of this his realme/ and to all & euery of þe sayd bodys corporat/ cyties/ boroughes/ shires/ rydynges/ hundredes/ lathes/ rapes/ wapentakes/ toynes/ byllages/ & tythynge/ & to euery of the by these generall wordes before rehearsed in all thyng/ which be nat hereafter excepted/ as þe sayd p̄don shuld haue be yf all offences/ cōtemptes/ forfettours/ causes/ matters/ lutes/ quarrels/ iudgemētes/ excecutions/ penalties/ & all other thyng/ nat hereafter excepted/ had be particulary/ singulerly/ specyally/ and playnly pardoned/ named/ rehearsed/ and specified/ by propre or crypsele wordes & names in theyr kyndes/ natures and qualytes/ in wordes and termes there vnto requysyte in þe sayd p̄don/ & þe his sayd subiecte nor any of the/ theyr heyres/ executours/ or administratours/ nor þe heyres/ executours/ or administratours of any of the/ nor any of þe sayd bodys corporat/ cyties/ boroughes/

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Hyges/rydinge/hundredes/lathes/rapes/wapentakes/townes/vyllages/no: tythynge/
no: any of the/be sued/vered/o: inquired in thei bodies/good landes/no: castles
fo: any maner matter/cause/cōcepte/inydeineanour/fo:seiture/trespas/offence/o:
any other thyng/suffred/done/o: cōmytted/before y^e said last day of Octob: agaynst y^e
kynges hyghnes/his crowne prerogatyve/law/statutes/o: dygnite/but only fo: such cau
ses/matters & offences/as be specially & playnly reherfed in y^e excepciōs and fo:pyles in
this p̄sent ydon hereafter incōnyed/ & fo: non other/ Any statute o: statutes/lawes/
customes/vse o: p̄cedēt here tofore had made o: vied/ to y^e cōtrary in any wyse nat w
standyng. ¶ Also the kynges hyghnes of his boūteous lyberalite/by auctoryte of this
p̄sent parlyamēt graunteth and frely gruenth vnto his sayd subiectes/ and to euery of
the/ and to euery of the sayd bodies corpozat/cities/boroughes/hyges/rydynges/hū
dredes/lathes/wapentakes/townes/vyllages/and tythynge/and to euery of the/all
such goodes/catels/lynnes/villues/profytes/amerceymētes/fo:seitures & sommes of mo
ney/by any of the fo:seited/ which to his hyghnes do o: shuld belonge o: apperteyn by
reason of any office/cōcepte/inydeineanour/trespas/matter/cause/o: quarrell/suffred
done/o: cōmytted/by the o: any of the/before y^e said last day of Octob:/ which be nat
here after specially and playnly fo:pyled and excepted in this p̄sent pardon/ And y^e
all and euery the kynges sayd subiectes/ and all and euery bodies corpozat/ cities/bor
oughes/hyges/rydynges/hundredes/lathes/rapes/wapentakes/townes/vyllages
and tythynge/may by hym selfe/o: his/o: they: attourney/o: attourneys/plede and
mynyster this p̄sent acte and free pardon fo: his o: they: dyscharge of and fo: euery
thyng that is therby pardoned without any fee o: other thyng therfore in any wyse
payenge to any person o: persons fo: pledyng/wyptyng/o: entre of the iudgement/
o: fo: any other cause concernyng the same/but onely. xij. d. to the clerke that shal en
tre the p̄lee/matter/o: iudgement/fo: his o: they: discharge in y^e behalfe/ Any estatute
o: v̄le to the contrary nat withstandyng. ¶ And furthermore the kynges hyghnes is
contented that it be enacted by auctoryte of this p̄sent parlyamēt/that his sayd free
pardon in all maner of courts of his lawes/ & elles wher/shall be reputed/dermed/and
rudged allowed/and take aswell in the wordes and clawys of the excepciōs and fo:
pyles specified in this p̄sent p̄dō & acte/as in all & synguler the other clauses/ word
des and sentence/ incōnyed and reherfed in the sayd free pardon most benefycially
and auaylable to al and synguler his sayd subiectes of this his realme/and to euery of
the sayd bodies corpozated/cities/boroughes/hyges/rydynges/hundredes/lathes/
rapes/wapentakes/townes/vyllages/ & tythynge/ & euery of them and most strongly
in barre/and discharge agaynst his hyghnes/his heyes/succellours/ and executours/
in euery thyng without obstacke chalenge o: other delay what so euer it be to be made/
pleded/oblected/o: aleged by the kyng our souerayn lord/his heyes/succellours/o:
executours/ o: by his o: any of they: generall attourney/o: attourneys/o: by any o
ther p̄son o: persons fo: his hyghnes/o: any of his heyes/succellours/ o: executours.
¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord/ and by auctoryte
of this p̄sent parlyamēt/that yf any officer o: clerke of his hygh courtes/ cōmonly cal
led the kynges bench/chancery/and comon place/o: of his eschequer/o: any other of
fyet o: clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme after the feast of the naty
uylte of our lord god next comynge/make out/o: wyte out any maner of wytes/ o:
other procelle/o: any extractes/ o: other p̄ceptes wherby any person o: persons of his
sayd subiectes/ o: any of the sayd bodies corpozated/ cities/boroughes/hyges/ry
dynges/

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bynges / hundredes / lathes / rapes / wapentakes / townes / byllages / and tythynge /
 o: any of them shall be in any wyse arrested / attached / distrayned / somoned / o: o-
 ther wyse vexed / troubled / o: greued in theyr bodies / landes / tenementes / goodes / o:
 cattelles / o: in any of them / fo: o: by cause of any maner of thing / acquyted / pardoned /
 released o: discharged by this present acte of free pardon / he so offendyng / and therof
 lawfully condempned / shall yeelde & pay fo: recouery therof to the partre so greued o: of-
 fended / treble damages / accepted as well of those damages / all costes of the sute. And
 neuerthelesse all and synghuler such wyttes / proccesse / extractes / and preceptes made / o:
 to be made / fo: o: vpon any maner thyng / acquyted / pardoned / released / o: by char-
 ged by this present acte of free pardon / shalbe utterly voyde & of none effecte. Except al-
 wayes and forpyled out of this pardon all maner of hygh treason / all premed & vo-
 luntary murders / all robberyes of chyrches / and robberyes done vpon menes persons /
 all other felonies & robberyes by the comon lawe / of felonous takyng of any money /
 goodes / o: cattels / aboue the value of .xx. s. all felonous byrnyng of houses / al carnal
 rauyshmentes of women / all rasynges of recordes / all outlaryes of hygh treasons / and
 of all maner of felonies other than felonies to þe sayd value of .xx. s. o: vnder þe same.
 And that all other outlaryes had o: promulged vnder o: agaynst any person o: persons
 fo: any cause nat beyng treason / murder / felonye / aboue the sayd sone of .xx. s. to be
 pardoned by the general wordes of this pardon aforesayd / so alway þe same persons &
 euery of them stande to right to answer o: satisfye the partre at whose sute he is out-
 lawed accordyng to the lawes of this realme. Also accepted and forpyled out of this
 pardon all offences and contempts comytted & done agaynst the statute o: statutes of
 prouysyon and primumye / o: any of them / & all forfeitures & tytles that may grow to
 the kynges byghnes by reason of any of the same estatutes / & all tytles & accyon of qua-
 re impedit / & all rauyshmentes of the kynges wardes / all waistes of þe kynges woodes in
 his forrestes / parkes / o: chales / all conceylmentes of customes and subuedyes / all ryottes /
 rottes & vnlawful assemblies comytted and done aboue the nobye of .xx. persons. And
 also except & forpyled out of this pardon all yssues & profytes / fines / & other penalties
 fo: inclosures of landes / & yssues / profytes / fines / & other penalties / fo: decayes of hou-
 ses of husbandry if þe same inclosures be nat reformed / and the lades put in tyllage /
 o: the sayd houses nat reedyfied before the last day of Septembre next comyng. And
 also except all maner of alyenacions & gyftes into mortuayn / o: to chuse of any maner
 of mortuayn / and all intrusyons / had / made / o: done / in any maners / landes / tenemen-
 tes / o: other herebyntementes sythen the fest of saynt Myghell the archangel which was
 in the .xx. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayne lord. And also all offences com-
 mytted by dyggynge downe o: castynge downe of any crosse o: crosses which stode o:
 were set in any common o: hygh way o: wayes / and all and synghuler dettes other than
 dettes growen vpon recognysaunces beyng all reddy forfeited fo: suerte of þe peas / o: fo:
 apparauce at any day o: place. And excepted & forpyled out of this pardon all accom-
 ptes & all accyon / lites / & impetitions fo: þe same accept & arrearses of accptes / & fo: þe
 sayd dettes o: any of the here by excepted and forpyled / All homages & reliffes / all
 wyllfull escapes as well of couyetes as other / dettes which were due to the most noble
 kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the .viij. o: to any parson o: persons to his vyle by
 any condempnation / recognysaunce / obligacyon / o: other wyse. All and synghuler those
 forgetours due to our souerayn lord kyng Henry the .viij. by any penall statut o: statu-
 tes which be conuerted into þe nature of dett by iugerment o: by agrement of þe offendours be

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foze þ first day of this p̄sent p̄liament/ & all forfeitures & other penalties & p̄ofytes grow-
 inge oꝛ dede by reason of any offence oꝛ acte cōmytted oꝛ done cōtrary to any statute oꝛ
 statutes/ oꝛ cōtrary to þ comō law wherof any sealure is made/ oꝛ any informacyō gy-
 uen in þ kyngs/ aschequer oꝛ any lute there cōmēdēd before þ sayd first day of this par-
 tyamēt/ oꝛ wherof þ kynges hyghnes by his byll signed oꝛ otherwyschere tofoze hath
 made any gylt oꝛ assygnemēt to any of his seruantes/ & also excepted all yssues forfey-
 ted/ fynes/ amerccemētes assessed/ taxed/ set/ extorted/ oꝛ iudged severally/ and party-
 culerly/ extēding to þ some of a. l. s. oꝛ above þ some. And þ al & synguler other fynes
 aswell fynes (pro licētia chōzōdadi) as other/ and all other yssues & amerccemētes aswell
 reall as other/ which severally oꝛ partyculerly extēde not to þ sayd some of. l. s. why
 ther they be totted oꝛ nat totted taken to þ charge of þ shyriffe/ oꝛ nat take to his char-
 ge/ extorted oꝛ nat extorted/ whyther they be tomed in to det oꝛ nat det/ & nat beyng
 leuyed noꝛ receyued by any sheryff/ oꝛ sheryff/ baylyf/ mynysters/ oꝛ other officers/ shal
 be fully clere and playnly p̄doned & dyscharged agaynst þ kyng our souerayn lord his
 heyyes & successours for ever. And it is further enacted by þ auctoryte aforesayd/ þ in
 case it be objected to any shyriff oꝛ shyriffs/ oꝛ other accōptautes in þ kyngs/ court of es-
 chequer/ oꝛ in any other his courtes/ þ any shyriff oꝛ shyriffs oꝛ other officers accōm-
 ptaut hath receyued oꝛ taken any suche fynes/ yssues/ oꝛ amerccemētes before p̄doned/
 released and acquyted/ þ then euery suche sheryff and sheryfs and other accōptautes
 shal be dyscharged/ released/ pardoned and acquyted therof by his oꝛ theyꝝ othe/ with
 out any further trespall in that behalfe.

God saue the kyng.

In acte that abiured persons shall be marked in the ryght hande
 with the sygne of an A.

Cap. ii.



It is enacted by the kyng our souerayn lord/ and þ lordes spiritual
 and tēporal/ and þ cōmēns in this p̄sent p̄liament assembled/ and by
 auctoryte of the same/ þ yf any p̄son take sentwary in any chyrche/
 chyrcheparde/ oꝛ other holy place/ for felonye oꝛ murder/ where he
 ought by þ lawes & customes of this realme to haue his abiuracyō
 for the same/ þ the þ same felon oꝛ murderer shal take his abiuraciō
 and passage out of þ same chyrch/ chyrcheparde/ oꝛ other holy place/
 at suche day & tyme as shalbe lymyted to hym by the coroner of the
 shyre/ oꝛ place wherin he taketh such sentwary/ & þ the coroner immediately after his cō-
 fellys/ & before his abiuraciō shal cause euery suche felon oꝛ murderer to be marked w
 an hote yꝛō wch þ brawne of þ thombe of þ ryght hand w the sygne of an A. to þ intēt
 he may be þ better knowē amonge the kynges subiectes þ he was abiured/ And than to
 gyue hym his abiuraciō/ & to be vled in all other thynges as hath bē accustomed. And
 þ all Mayres/ baylyfs & cōstables/ shalbe attendaunt at þ cōmaūdemēt of þ coroner for
 þ due excecuciō therof/ as they wyll answer at theyꝝ parcels to the kyngs/ hyghnes for þ
 same/ And yf any felon oꝛ murderer þ ought to haue any such abiuraciō refuse to take
 his passage out of þ sayd sentwary at such tyme as shalbe lymyted to hym by þ said co-
 roner/ That the þ sayd felon oꝛ murderer so refusing/ shal lose þ benefyte of the same
 sentwary/ & be taken out of þ same & cōmytted to p̄yson/ & further to be ordred for his
 offence after his merites without any restyrucon to sentwary for the same.

In acte concerning abydgementes of playntes in assyse. Cap. iii.

As moche as assyses which haue ben thought þ moost spedy remedy/ be now
 by occasion of pledyng of many barres to moyses/ and partes of the landes put
 in delate

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in betw and playnt/greatly delayed for dyfficulties & dyuylon of plebyng / And one cause therof is/because the playnter in every assyle from hensforth may at his pleasure seuer and abydge his playnt/of any parte or partes wherunto any barre is pleddy by moyte in lyke maner as he myght do in case p ples in barre had be made & dyuyded to any certayntie or nobre of acres in p playnt for the resydue of the parte or partes of the landes nat abydged shalbe and stande good and effectuell in the law.

An acte concernyng p sale of landes by p executours of p testamētes. Ca. iiii.

Where dyuers sondry persons befoze this tyme/haunge other psons sealed to theyr wylles/of & in landes/& other heredytainētes/to & for p declaraciō of theyr wylles/haue by theyr last wylles & testamētes wylled & declared such theyr said landes/tenētes or other heredytainētes/to be solde by theyr executours/as wel to & for the paymētes of theyr dettes/pfoimance of theyr legacies necessary/& conuenient fyndyng of theyr wyues vertuo⁹ bynyngyng by/& auauicemēt of theyr chyldre to maryage as also for other charitable dedes to be done & executed by theyr executours for p helth of theyr soules/ And nat wstandyng such trust and cōfydēce so by thē put in theyr said executours/it hath of tymes bē sene wher such last wylles & testamētes/of such landes/tenētes/& other heredytainētes hath bē declared/and in p same dyuers executours named and made/p after p decease of such testatours/some of p same executours wyllyng to accōplysh p trust and cōfydēce p they were put in by p sayd testatour/haue accepted and taken vpon them p charge of p sayd testamēt/& haue ben redy to fulfyl and pfoime all thyngs cōtēnyed in p same/& p resydue of p same executours vcharytably cōtrary to the trust p they were put in/haue refused to intermedle in any wyse w p executō of the sayd wyl and testamēt/or with the sale of such landes so wylled to be sold by p testatour. And for as moch as a bargayn & sale of such landes/tenētes/or other heredytainētes so wylled by any pson to be solde by his executours after his decease after p oppyniō of dyuers psons cā in no wyse be good or effectuell in the law/ones the same bargayn and sale be made by p hole nobre of p executours named to & for p same by reason wherof aswel p dettes of such testatours hath rested vnpayed & vnsatysfied to the great daūger & perel of p soules of such testatours/and to the great hynderāce/and many tymes to the vetter vndoing of theyr credytours/As also p legacies bequestes made by p testatour to his wyfe/chyldre/and for other charytable dedes to be done for the welth of the soule of the same testatour p made the same testamēt hath ben also vnpfoimēd/aswell vnto the extreme mysery of the wyfe and chyldre of the sayd testatour/as also vnto the let of pfoimance of other charytable dedes for p welth of the soule of p sayd testatour/to p dyspleasure of almyghty god. ¶ For the remedy wherof. Be it enacted ordeyned and establyshed by the auctoryte of this p sent pliament/p wher parte of the executours named in any such testamēt of any such pson so makyng or declaring any such wyl of any landes/tenētes/or other heredytainētes to be solde by his executours/after the deth of any suche testatour do refuse to take vpo him or them p administracyō & charge of the same testamēt and last wyl/wherin they by so named to be executours/and the resydue of the same executours do accept & take vpo thē the cure & charge of the same testamēt and last wyl / p then al bargayns and sales of suche landes/tenētes/or other heredytainētes so wylled to be solde by the executours of any suche testatour/aswell here tofore made/as here after to be made by hym or thē onely of the sayd executours p so both accept/or p here tofore hath accepted and taken vpo hym or thē any such cure or charge of administracyō of any such wyl or testamēt/

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shalbe as good & as effectuell in þe law/as yf all the residue of the same executours named in the said testamēt/so refuylng the admystraciō of þe same testamēt had ioyned with hym o; the in the makynge of þe bargayn & sale of such landes/tenementes/o; other heredytamentes so wyllid to be solde by they; executours of any such testatour/which here tofoze hath made o; declared/o; þe hereafter shall make o; declare any such wyll of any such landes/tenementes/o; other heredytamentes after his deceale to be sold by his executours. **¶** Doubbed alway þe this acte shall nat extēde to grue power o; auctoryte to any executour o; executours at any tyme hereafter to bargayn o; put to sale any landes/tenementes/o; heredytamentes/by vertue and auctoryte of any wyll o; testamēt here tofoze made/otherwyle than they myght do by the course of the comon law asfoze the makynge of this acte.

An acte cōcernynge probate of testamētes.

Ca. v.

Here in the parliament holden at westmynster in the. rxi. yere of the reygne of the noble kyng of famous memozy/ Edward the. iij. ypo þe cōplaynt of his peple fo; þe outrageo; & greuous fynes & sōmes of money take by the ministers of byshops/ & of other o;dynaries of holy chyrch fo; þe probate of testamētes/ & fo; the acquitances by the sayd o;dynaries to be made concernynge the same/ the sayd noble kyng in the same p̄laimēt openly charged & cōmaūded the archbyshop of Caunterbury/ & the other byshops fo; þe tyme beyng þe amēdēt therof shold be had. And yf none amēdēt were therof had/ it was by the auctoryte of the same parliament acco;dyd/ þe kyng therof shold make inquiry by his iustices of such oppressyō & exco;cyōns. And þe the same iustices shold here & determyn the a swell at þe sute of the kyng as of þe partye/ as of old tyme hath be v̄led/ as by the same estatute playnly appereth. And where at þe parliament holde at westmynster/ in the. iij. yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the. v. it was refyted þe cōmons of the realme had often cōplayned the of dyuers p̄laimētes of that þe dyuers o;dynaries take fo; the probacyon of testamētes and other thynges therunto belongyn/ somtyme. xl. s. somtyme. lx. s. & somtyme moze agaynst ryght & iustyce wher in the tyme of kyng Edward þe. iij. men were wont to pay fo; such causes but. ii. s. vi. d. o;. v. s. at þe most/ by which unlaufull exco;cyōns the testamētes of þe testatours myght nat be executed acco;dyng to they; last wylls. It was then enacted fo; the auoydyng of such oppressyōns/ þe no o;dynary from thens forth sholde take fo; the probacyon of any testamēt & inuētuary/ o; fo; other thynges to the same belonging/ any moze than was accustomed & v̄led in þe tyme of the sayd noble kyng Edward the thyrde/ ypo payne to yelde to þe partye so greued thye tymes as moch as the sayd o;dynaries dyd so receyue/ which acte dyd endure but to the next parliament folowynge/ by reason þe the o;dynaries dyd than p̄misse to reforme and amēde the sayd oppressyōns & exco;cyōns. And fo; þe that the sayd unlaufull exco;cyōns of the sayd o;dynaries & they; ministers be nothyng reformed nor amēdyd/ but greatly augmented & encreased agaynst ryght & iustyce/ and to the great enpoueryshynge of the kynges subiectes. **¶** The kyng our souerayne lord by the assent of the lordes spryтуall & tempozall/ & the comons in this present parliament assembled/ & by auctoryte of the same hath o;dyned/ establisshed/ & enacted/ þe from the fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our lord. m. cc. lxx. þe nothyng shall be demaūded/ receyued/ nor taken by any byshop/ o;dynary/ archdeke/ chancelour/ cōmissary/ offycial/ nor any other manner of person o; persons what so euer they be/ which now haue o; which at any tyme hereafter shall haue auctoryte o; power to take o; receyue probacyō/ insynuacyō/ o; approbacyō of testamēt/ o; testamētes

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of testamētes by hym self oꝛ the self/ noꝛ by his oꝛ theyꝝ registryers/ scribes/ prayseers/ summoners/ apparatours oꝛ by any other of theyꝝ minystrs/ foꝛ the probacyon/ insynuatyon/ & approbaciō of any testament oꝛ testamētes/ oꝛ foꝛ wrytyng/ sealyng/ prayseing/ registryng/ fynne/ makynge of inuentories/ and grynge of acquytaunces/ oꝛ foꝛ any o-
ther maner of cause concernynge the same/ where the goodes of the testatour of þ sayd
testament/ oꝛ person so dyenge do not amount clerely ouer and aboute the value of an. C.
s. sterlynge/ excepte ouely to the scribe to haue foꝛ wrytyng of the probate of þ te-
stamēt of hym deceased/ whose goodes shall not be aboute the same clere value of an. C.
s. vi. d. and foꝛ the commissyon of minystracyon of the goodes of any man deceasynge
intestate/ not beyng aboute lyke value of an. C. s. clere and. vi. d. and that neuerthelesse
the bysshop/ oꝛ dynarye/ oꝛ other person oꝛ persons hauyng power oꝛ auctoryte to take
oꝛ receyue the probacyō oꝛ approbacyō of þ testamētes/ refuse not to approue any/ suche
testament beyng lawfully tended oꝛ offred to them to be pꝛoued oꝛ approued / wherof
the goodes of the testatour oꝛ person so dyenge amounte not aboute the value of an. C.
s. sterlynges so that the sayd testament be echynged to hym oꝛ them in wrytyng with
waxe there vnto assyred redy to be sealed/ and that the same testamēt be lawfully pꝛo-
ued befoze the same oꝛ dynarye befoze the sealyng to be trewe/ hole/ & last testament of
the same testatour/ in suche forme as hath ben comunly accustomed in þ behalf. ¶ And
whan the goodes of the testatour doth amount ouer & aboute the clere value of an. C. s.
and do not excede the somme of. xl. pounde sterlynge/ þ than no bysshop/ oꝛ dynarye/ noꝛ
other maner of person oꝛ persons what so euer he oꝛ they be/ now hauyng oꝛ which here
after shall haue auctoryte to take probacyon oꝛ approbacion of any testament oꝛ testa-
mentes as is afoze sayd / by them selfe noꝛ any of theyꝝ sayd registryers / scribes / pray-
seers/ summoners/ apparatours/ noꝛ any other theyꝝ minystrs/ foꝛ the probacyon/ insyn-
uacyon / and approbacyon of any testament oꝛ testamētes / oꝛ foꝛ the registryng/ se-
alyng/ wrytyng/ prayseing/ makynge of inuentuaries/ grynge of acquytaunces/
fynes/ oꝛ any other thyng concernynge the same/ shall take oꝛ cause to be taken of any
person oꝛ persons/ but ouely. iij. s. vi. and not aboute/ wherof to be to the sayde bysshop
oꝛ dynarye/ oꝛ to any other person oꝛ persons/ hauynge power and auctoryte to take
the probacyon oꝛ approbacyon of any testament oꝛ testamētes foꝛ hym and his miny-
strs. ii. s. s. vi. & not aboute/ & .xii. d. resydue of the sayd. iij. s. s. vi. d. to be to the scribe
foꝛ the registryng of the same. And where the goodes of the testatour oꝛ person oꝛ per-
sons so dyenge do amount ouer and aboute the clere value of. xl. pounde sterlynge/ that
thā the bysshop noꝛ dynarye noꝛ other person oꝛ persons now hauyng/ oꝛ which here
after shall haue auctoryte oꝛ power to take probate of testamētes/ as is afozaid by hym
oꝛ them selfe noꝛ any of his oꝛ theyꝝ sayde registryers/ scribes/ prayseers/ summoners/ ap-
paratours/ oꝛ any other theyꝝ minystrs/ foꝛ the probacion/ insynuacyon/ and approba-
cyon of any testament oꝛ testamētes/ oꝛ foꝛ the registryng/ sealyng/ wrytyng/ pray-
seing/ makynge of inuentuaries/ fynes/ grynge of acquytaunces/ oꝛ any thyng co-
cernynge the same probate oꝛ testament/ shall from the sayd fyft day of Apryll take oꝛ
cause to be taken of any person oꝛ persons/ but ouely. v. s. & not aboute/ wherof to be to
the sayd bysshop/ oꝛ dynarye/ oꝛ other person hauyng power to take the probaciō of such
testament/ oꝛ testamētes foꝛ hym and his minystrs. ii. s. vi. d. and not aboute/ and. ii.
s. vi. d. resyduwe of the sayde. v. s. to be to the scribe foꝛ registryng of the same/ oꝛ els
the same scribe to be at his lybertye to refuse those. ii. s. vi. d. and to demaunde and
haue foꝛ wrytyng of euery ten lynes of the same testament/ wherof euery lyne to con-

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teyne in length. x. ynches. i. d. And þe every such byshop o: o:dynary/and other person
o: persons so hauynge o: whiche hereafter shall haue auctoryte o: power to take o: re-
ceyue the probacyon o: approbacion of any testament o: testaments as is aboue sayd
they: registers/scribes/and mynisters/shall approue/insynuate/seale/ & register fro
tyme to tyme the sayde testaments/and deliuer the same seale with the seale of they:
office to the executour o: executours named in any such testaments for þe sayd somme
o: sommes aboue sayd/and in maner and fourme as is aboue reherced to deliuer it wth
conuenient speede/without any frustratory delay. And in case any person dye intestate
o: that the executours named in any suche testaments/refuse to proue the sayd testa-
ment. Tha the sayd o:dynary o: other pson o: psons hauynge auctoryte to take probate
of testaments/as is aboue sayd/shall graunt the admystracyon of the goodes of the
testatour o: person deceased to the wydowe of the same person deceased/o: to the next
of his kynne o: to both/as by the dyscreciõ of the same o:dynary shal be thought good/
takyng suertie of hym o: them/to whom shalbe made such commissiõ for trewe admi-
nistracion of the goodes/cattels/and bettes/whiche be o: they shalbe so auctorysed to
minister. And in case where dyuers psons clayme the admystracyõ as next of kyn/
whiche be equal in degre of kynrede to the testatour o: person deceased/ & wher any pson
only desyeth the admystracyon as next of kynne/where in be dyuers persons in
equalitye of kynrede/as is also sayd. Than in every such case the o:dynary to be at his
electiõ and lybertye to accept any one o: mo makynge request where dyuers do requy-
re the admystracyon. O: where but one o: moze of them/and not all beyng in equa-
lyte of degre do make request/than the o:dynary to admytte the wydowe and hym o:
them only makynge request o: any one of the m at his pleasure/ takynge nothyng for
the same/only the goodes of the person so deceased/amount aboue the value o: some
of an. C. s. And in case the goodes of the person so deceased amount aboue the value of
an. C. s. & not aboue the value o: somme of. xl. li. Than the sayd byshop/o:dynary o:
other person o: psons so hauynge auctoryte to take probate of testaments as is also
sayd/they: mynisters o: officers shall take only. ii. s. vi. d. sterlyng and not aboue/ &
þe the executour & executours named by the testatour o: person so deceased/o: suche o:
other person o: persons/ to whom such admystracyon shalbe committed/where any
person dyeth intestate/o: by way of instate/callynge o: takynge to hym o: them suche
person o: persons/ two at þe least/to whom the sayd persons so dyenge was indetted/
o: made any legacye and vpd they: refuse/ o: absence/ two other honest persons beyng
nexte of kynne to the person so dyenge / and in they: default o: absence. ii. other honest
persons/and in they: presence and by they: dyscreciõs/shall make o: cause to be made
a trewe and parfyt inuento: of all the goodes/cattelles/wares/marchaundyses/as
well mouable as not mouable/what so euer that were of the sayd person so deceased/ &
þe same shall cause to be ended/wherof the one parte shall be by the sayde executour
o: executours/admystratour/o: admystratours/ vpon his o: they: othe o: othes
to be taken befoze the sayd byshops/o: o:dynaries/they: officers/o: commissaries/
o: other persons hauynge power to take probate of testaments vpon the holy Euan-
gelyst to be good and trew/and the same one parte ended shall present and deliuer
in to the keepynge of the sayd byshop/o:dynary/o: o:dynaries/o: other person hauynge
power to take probate of testaments/and the other parte thereof to remaine with the
sayd executour/o: executours/admystratour o: admystratours/ & þe no byshop/
o:dynary o: other / what so euer person / hauynge auctoryte to take probate of testa-
ments/

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ment/ or testaments as is above sayd/ vpon the payne in this estatute hereafter con-
 teyned/ refuse to take any such inuentory or inuentories to hym or them presented or
 tended to be deliuered as is aforesayd. ¶ Prouyded alwaye þ yf the persō so deceased
 wyll by his testamēt or last wyll/ any landes/ tencimētes/ or hereditamentes to be sold
 þ the money therof coming/ no; the p̄tyes of the sayd landes/ for any tyme to be takē/
 shall not be accompted as any of the goodes or cattels of the sayd person so deceased/ &
 that the same bysshop/ or bynary/ or other person or persons hauyng auctoꝛyte to take
 p̄bate of testamētes or testaments as is aforesayd vpon the deliuerie of the scale and
 ryng of the testatour/ do cause the same scale to be defaced/ and there vpon incontynēt
 redeliuer the same scale vnto the sayd executour or executours/ without clayme or cha-
 lēge there vnto to be made/ & in case any p̄son or p̄sons at any tyme hereafter requyre
 a copye or copyes of þ sayd testamēt or inuentory so proued/ or of þ sayd inuentory so made/ þ that þ
 sayd or bynary or bynaries/ & the other p̄sons hauyng auctoꝛyte to take p̄bate of te-
 stamētes or they; mynysters/ shal fro tyme to tyme w̄ couenyēt spede without any fru-
 stratory delay/ deliuer or cause to be deliuered a trew copy or copyes of the same to þ
 sayd p̄son or persons so demaundyng the or any of the takyng for the seche & for þ ma-
 king of the copy of eyther of the sayd testamēt or inuentory/ but only such fe as is before
 reherseb for þ registryng of the sayd testamēt/ or els þ scribe or register to be at his e-
 leccio & lybertie to demaunde/ haue & take for; euery. x. lynes therof beyng of þ p̄pocryd
 before reherseb. i. d. ¶ Prouyded alwaye þ where any p̄son or persons hauyng power or
 auctoꝛyte to take p̄bate of testamētes haue v̄led to take lesse sōmme of money thā is
 aboute sayd for þ p̄bate of testamētes/ or commissiōs of admystryaciōs/ or other cause
 concernyng the same/ shal take & receyue such sōme or sōmme of money for þ p̄bate of te-
 stamētes & commissiōs of the admystryaciōs/ & other causes concernyng þ same/ as they
 before þ makyng of this acte haue v̄led to take/ & not aboute. ¶ And it is enacted þ eue-
 ry bysshop/ or bynary/ archdeke/ chancelour/ commissary/ offycial/ & other p̄son & p̄sons/
 hauyng/ or the which hereafter shall haue auctoꝛyte to take p̄bate of testamētes/ they;
 registers/ scribes/ praylers/ sōmoners/ apparatours/ & al other they; ministers/ what so
 euer they be/ þ shal do/ or attēpt/ or cause to be done & attēpted agaynst this acte or or-
 dynaunce in any thyng/ shal forseyt & lose for; euery tyme so offēdyng to the partye gre-
 ued in þ behalfe/ so moche money as any such p̄son aboute sayd shal take cōtrary to this
 p̄sent acte. And ouer þ shal lose & forseyt. x. li. sterl. wherof the one moyte shalbe to the
 kyng our souerayn lord/ & the other moyte to the partye greued in þ behalfe/ þ wyll sue
 by accōd of det/ byll/ informaciō/ or otherwyle/ i any of þ kyngs courts for; þ recouer of
 the same/ i which accōd no esson/ p̄tenciō/ no; wager of law shalbe admytted or allowed.
 And þ euery of þ same bysshops & other p̄sons which shal hereafter incurte & fall into þ
 dosigens of such penaltie or forseyture shal be charged onely by hym selfe/ & none of the
 to be chargeable to þ penaltie for; others offence. ¶ Prouyded alwaye þ this acte be not
 iudiciall to any or bynary/ or any other p̄son/ which now haue/ or hereafter shal haue
 auctoꝛyte for; p̄bate of testamētes/ but þ euery of the shal may cōuent before the all/ &
 euery person or persons made & named executour or executours of any testamēt/ to þ
 intent to proue or refuse the testamēt or testaments of they; testatour or testatours/ &
 to byyng in inuentuaries/ and to do euery other thyng concernyng the same/ as
 they myght do before the makyng of this acte/ so that alwayes any suche or bynary/ or
 other person or persons hauynge suche auctoꝛyte by them selfe/ they; commissaries/
 scribes/ registers/ or other mynysters aforesayd/ shall not in any wyse take for; þ same

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aboute the fees lymytted by this acte/ne in any wyse attempt any thyngs contrary to any parte of the same acte.

An acte concernynge takynge of Mortuaries.

Ca. vi.

E As moche as questyon/ Ambyguyte/ and doute is chaunced and ryisen vpon the order/ maner/ and forme of demaundyng/ receyvyng/ and claynyng of Mortuaries/ other wyse called Coise presentes/ as well for the greatnes and value of the same/ which as hath lately ben taken/ is thought ouer excessyue to the poore people and other persons of this realme/ as also for that such Mortuaries or Coise presentes haue ben demaunded and leuyed for such as at the tyme of theyr deth haue had no parte in any goodes or cattels. And many tymes for trauelyng and wayfaryng men/ in the places where they haue fortunied to dye/ to the entent that all doute/ contencion and incertaynte/ herin may be remoued/ and aswel the generalyte of the kynges peple therin remedied/ as also the persons/ bycats/ paryllhe prestes/ curates/ and other hauynge interest in suche Mortuaries and Coise presentes indyfferently prouyded for.

Be it therfore enacted/ ordeyned/ and establyshed/ by the kyng our souerayne lord/ and the lordes spyrytuall and tempozall and the commons of this parlyament assembled/ and by auctoryte of the same that frome the fyyst day of Apryll/ in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. and. xxi. no person/ bycat/ curate/ no paryllhe prest/ ne any other spyrytuall pson/ no theyr seruours/ baylyffes/ no lessees/ shall take/ receyue/ or demaunde of any person/ or persons within this realme for any person or persons dyenge within the same/ any maner Mortuary or Coise present ne any soume or sommes of money/ ne any other thyng for the same/ moze than is hereafter mencyned. He also shall conuent/ or call any pson or persons befoze any iudge spyrytuall for the recouer of any such Mortuaries or coise presentes/ or any other thyng for the same moze than is hereafter mencyned/ vpon payne to forseyte for euery tyme so demaundyng/ receyvyng/ takynge/ or conuentyng/ or calling/ any suche person or persons/ befoze any spyrytuall iudge so moch in value as they shall take aboute the soume lymytted by this acte. And ouer that. xl. s. to þ party greued contrary to this acte/ for the whiche forsayture the party so greued contrary to this acte shall haue an action of dette/ by wyte/ byll/ playnt/ or infozmaycon/ in any of the kynges courtes/ wherin no wager of lawe/ cllon/ no pzo-
teccion shalbe allowed. **F**yyst it is ordeyned/ establyshed/ and enacted/ þ no maner of mortuary shall be taken or demaunded of any person/ what so euer he be/ whiche at the tyme of his deth hath in mouable goodes vnder the value of. x. marke. **A**lso that no mortuary shalbe gryn/ asaed/ or demaunded from hensforth of any maner person/ but onely in such place where here tofore mortuaries haue ben vsed to be payed and gryn/ and in those places none other wyse but after the rate and forme hereafter mencyned. **H**e that any person paye mortuaries in moze places than one that is to say/ in the place of theyr moost dwellyng & habytacyon/ & there but one mortuary/ **N**o/ no person/ bycat/ curate/ paryllhe prest/ or other shall for any person dyeng/ or dede/ & beyng at the tyme of his dede/ of the value in mouable goodes of. x. marke/ or moze clerely/ aboute his dettes payed/ & vnder þ some of. xxx. li. take for a mortuary about. iii. s. iiii. d. in þ hole. And for a pson dyeng or dede beyng at þ tyme of his dede/ of þ value of xxx. li. or aboute clerely/ aboute his detts payd i mouable good/ & vnder þ value of. xl. li. ther shal no moze be take or demaunded for a mortuary thā. vi. s. viii. d. i þ hole/ & for any person dyeng or dede beyng at þ tyme of his deth/ of þ value in mouable good/ of xl. li. or aboute. to any soume/ what so euer it be clerely/ aboute his dettes payd/ there shall be no moze taken

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take/ payd/ oꝝ demaunded foꝝ a mortuary thā. &c. in þ hole. **E**nfoꝝmed alway þ foꝝ no woman beynge couerte baron/ noꝝ chyld/ ne foꝝ any pson not keepyng house/ any maner mortuary be payd/ ne þ any pson/ bycar/ curate/ parrysh prest oꝝ other/ aske/ demaunde oꝝ take/ foꝝ any such woman/ chyld/ oꝝ foꝝ any pson not keepyng house/ byeng oꝝ depe/ any maner thyng oꝝ money by way of mortuary/ ne also foꝝ any wayfaryng mā oꝝ other þ dwelleth not ne maketh residence in þ place wher they shal happe to dye but þ þ mortuary of such wayfaryng psons be answerable in places wher mortuaries be accustomed to be payd/ & in maner & forme & after þ rate before mencyoned/ & none other wyse in the place oꝝ places wher such wayfaryng psons at þ tyme of theyꝝ deeth had theyꝝ most habytaryd/ house & dwelling places/ & no where els. **E**nfoꝝmed alway þ it shal be lesfull to all maner of psons/ bycars/ curates/ parrysh prestes/ and other spyrtyual psons/ to take & receyue any maner somme of money oꝝ other thyng which by any pson byeng shal fortune to be dysposed/ gꝛue/ oꝝ bequethed vnto the/ oꝝ any of the/ oꝝ to þ hych aulter of þ chyrch. **T**his acte oꝝ any thyng therein mencyoned not wstandynge. **A**nd be it also enacted by þ auctoꝝyte afoꝝsayd þ no mortuaries/ noꝝ coꝝse pꝛesentes/ ne any somme oꝝ somes of money/ oꝝ other thing/ foꝝ any mortuary oꝝ coꝝse pꝛesent shalbe demaunded/ take/ receyued/ oꝝ hadde in the partyes of wales/ noꝝ in the marches of the same/ noꝝ in the towne of Calets oꝝ Berwyke/ noꝝ marches of the same/ but onely in such partyes and places of wales/ marches/ and townes afoꝝsayd wher mortuaries hath ben accustomed to be taken and payde. **A**nd in those partyes and places no mortuaries noꝝ coꝝse pꝛesentes/ ne any other thyng foꝝ mortuary oꝝ coꝝse pꝛesent from hencefoꝝth shal be demaunded/ taken/ receyued/ oꝝ had/ but onely after the forme/ oꝝder/ and maner aboue specyfyed in this present acte/ and none otherwyse/ ne of any other person oꝝ persons than is lymyted by this present acte/ vpon the payne aboue contryed in this present acte.

Enfoꝝmed also that it shal be lesfull to the bysshoppes of Bangour/ Landaff/ saynt Dauides/ and saynt Aske/ and lykewyse to the archdeken of Chester/ to take such mortuaries of the prestes within theyꝝ dyoces and iurysdyccyons as here tofoꝝe haue ben accustomed.

Enfoꝝmed also that in suche places wher mortuaries haue ben accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is afoꝝsayd that no person shal be compelled to paye in any such place any other mortuary/ oꝝ moꝝe foꝝ any mortuary than hath be accustomed/ ne that any mortuary in suche place shal be demaunded/ taken/ receyued/ oꝝ had/ of any person oꝝ persons exempte by this acte/ noꝝ in any wyse contrary to this acte/ vpon the payne afoꝝe lymyted.

In acte agaynst seruauntes imbecelynge theyꝝ maysters goodes Ca. vii.

Where befoꝝe this tyme byuers/ aswell noble men as other the kynges subiectes haue vpon confydence and trust delyuered to theyꝝ seruauntes theyꝝ cashettes and other ielwels/ money/ goodes/ and cattelles/ safely to kepe to the vse of theyꝝ sayde maysters oꝝ maystresses/ and after suche delyuer þ sayd seruauntes haue wthdrawen the self & gone away froð theyꝝ sayd maysters oꝝ maystresses wth þ sayd cashettes ielwels/ money/ goodes & cattels/ oꝝ pte therof to þ entet to stele þ same/ & defraude their sayd maysters oꝝ maystresses therof and somtyme beynge with theyꝝ sayd maysters oꝝ maystresses/ haue couerted þ sayd ielwels/ money/ & other cattels oꝝ pte therof to theyꝝ

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of one vñe/whiche my behauoure so done/ was doubtfull in the comon lawe whether it were felony or not. And by reason therof the forsayd seruantes haue ben in grete bol-
denes to comyt such lyke offences. Be it therfore enacted/ ordeyned/ and establiſhed
by the kyng our souerayne lord/ by the assent of the lordes spyrituall and tempo-
rall and the commons in this p̄sent parlyament assembled and by auctoryte of the same/ that
all and synguler suche seruantes to whom any such caskettes/ iewels/ money goodes/
or cattels by his or theyr sayd maysters or maystresses/ shall from henceforth so be deli-
uered to kepe/ that yf any suche seruant or seruantes withdrowe hym or the frō theyr
sayd maysters and maystresses/ and go away with the sayd caskettes/ iewels/ money/
goodes/ or other cattels/ or any parte therof to the entē to stele the same and defraude
his or theyr sayde maysters or maystresses therof contrary to the trust and confydence
to hym or the put by his or theyr sayd maysters or maystresses/ or els beyng in the ser-
uice of his sayde mayster or maystres/ without assent or commaundement of his may-
sters or maystres/ he imbesell the same caskettes/ iewels/ money/ goodes/ or cattels/ or
any parte therof/ or otherwyle conuerthe the same to his owne vñe/ with lyke purpose to
stele it/ that yf the sayd caskettes/ iewels/ goodes/ money/ or cattels/ that any suche ser-
uant shall so go away with/ or which he shall imbesel with purpose to stele it as is afoze
sayd/ be of the value of. xl. s. or aboue. That than the same false fraudolēt and vñrewe
acte and demeanoure from henceforth shall be demed and adyudged felonye. And he or
they so offendynge to be punysshed as other felons be punysshed for felonyes commyt-
ted by the course of the comon lawe.

Wherby alway that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned/ shal not in any wyse
extende or by p̄iudycial to any apprentyce or apprentices/ nor to any person within
the age of. xiiii. yeres/ goynge away with his or theyr maysters goodes/ or iewels/ or
otherwyle/ conuertynge the same vnto his or theyr owne vñes during the tyme of theyr
apprentysode/ or beyng within the same age of. xiiii. yeres/ but that euery apprentyce
apprentices/ suche person or persons/ beyng within the sayde age/ doynge or offen-
dyng contrary to this p̄sent acte shall be and stande in lyke case as they and euery of
them were before the makynge of this acte. The same acte to contynue & endure vnto
the nexte parlyament.

An acte agaynst byllynge of calves.

Ca. viii.

As moche as of olde tyme greate multytude of cattell was yerey entreated
by weynynge/ byrnyng vp and rearynge of calves throughe oute this realme/
wherby the nombze of oxen/ kyen/ and steeres/ were in suche aboundaunce and plentye/
that beste and all other byttel was good chepe/ and solde to the kynges subiectes at rea-
sonable penyworthes and pryces/ but yll now of late yeres passed that the byeders of
such calves of theyr couetous myndes/ haue vñed to sell theyr calves yonge suckynge to
bouchers/ waynyng/ rearyng/ byrnyng vp fewe or none/ wherby the increase of olde
cattell & also the increase y shuld or myght haue come or growen of the same/ is meruey-
lously mynysshed & decreased/ in suche wyle y great berth of cattell & other byttel hath
& both dayly/ sprynge/ grow/ cōtinue/ & aryle thozoughout this realme/ not onely to y
great enhaunsynge of the pryces of bestes and all maner byttel/ but also to the great
mynysshynge and enpaynyng of good hospytalyte/ and extreme vñdoynge of y kyn-
ges power & ned by subiectys within the same/ whiche inconuenyence and great scarry-
tye is

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It is lyke to ensue and encrease more and more yf speedy remedy be not prouyded in þe behalfe. ¶ Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord the lordes spyrituall & tempoꝝal/ and the commons in this present parliament assembled / & by the auctorite of the same / þat no maner person oꝝ persons beyng bouchers oꝝ other in habytyng within this realme / wailes / oꝝ the marches of the same shall fro the fyrst day of January next comyng / durynge the hole yeres than next folowynge / kyll oꝝ cause to be kyllid any maner yonge suchynge calfe / oꝝ calves to be solde oꝝ put to sale to any person oꝝ psons / hole oꝝ by retayle / whiche calfe oꝝ calves so here after to be kyllid shall happen to fall oꝝ to be calued betwene the sayd fyrst day of January / and the fyrst day of Maye / in any of the sayd. iij. hole yeres / vpon payne of. vi. s. viii. d. for every calfe fallen oꝝ calued betwene the sayd dayes / & kyllid / and put to sale contrary to this acte / to be payed and forseyted by every such boucher oꝝ bouchers and other which shall kyll oꝝ cause to be kyllid and put to sale any suche calfe / oꝝ calves so fallynge / & to be calued betwene the sayd fyrst daye of January and the said fyrst day of Maye durynge the sayde the yeres. The one halfe of every such forseyture to be to the vse of our souerayn lord the kyng / and the other halfe to the partye that wyll sue for the same by byll / accyon of det. / oꝝ informacyon in any of the kynges courtis / wherein no wager of lawe / esson / noꝝ proteccyon shall be allowed. ¶ Prouyded alwayes that every lord marchant haue the forseytes / pꝛofytes / and auantages onely of every such offender and offendours agaynst the purueyng of this acte within theyre seynouryes / libertties / & fraunchelles royall.

¶ The acte lymyttig þe pryce of hattes / cappes / brought fro beyond þe see. Ca. ix.

The kyng our souerayne lord by the assent of the lordes spyrituall and tempoꝝal / & the commons in this present parliament assembled / and by the auctorite of the same / hath ordeyned / establisshed / and enacted / for the comon welthe of the subiectes of this his realme / that no maner person oꝝ persons what so euer he oꝝ they be / fro the feest of the purificacyon of our lady next comynge / do sell oꝝ cause to be solde withy in this his realme to any person oꝝ persons / any wollen hattes oꝝ bonettes / oꝝ wollen hatte / oꝝ cappe / made oꝝ to be made in any place oꝝ places oute of this realme of Englaunde / in any of the parties of beyonde the see ouer oꝝ aboute the pyces vnder wyrtten that is to saye no suche cappe oꝝ bonette to be solde aboute the somme of. ii. s. sterlyng / and no suche hatte to be solde aboute the somme of. x. d. and no suche synge crowne cappe / noꝝ synge nyghte cappe to be solde aboute the somme of. vi. d. vpon payne to forseyte for every suche bonet / cappe / oꝝ hatte / at any tyme after þe sayde feest to be solde ouer the pryce aboue sayd contrary to þe tenoure of this acte. xl. s. weryng / all which forsayture shall extende only to þe losse of þe seller oꝝ sellers therof / & to none other / þe one half therof to be leuyed & recovered to the vse of our sayd souerayne lord / and þe other half to þe partye þe wyll sue for þe same in any of our souerayn lordes þe kynges courtis by accyon of det. / byll / informacyon / oꝝ other wyse / in which accyon oꝝ sute no proteccib / wager of lawe / noꝝ esson / shall be allowed oꝝ admytted. ¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aboue sayd / that every person oꝝ persons beyng oꝝ weryng any such bonette / cappe / oꝝ hatte / made out of this realme / may lawfully at all tymes here after / vse wete and betayne any suche bonet / cappe / oꝝ hatte / cappes / oꝝ hattes / without seizure of the same oꝝ ony daunger / losse / oꝝ other forsayture / oꝝ penaltye to be hadde oꝝ suffered for the same. Any matet / clause / oꝝ other thyng conteyned oꝝ expessed in this present acte oꝝ actes here tofore made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte agaynst carryng out of hawke / laten / & roper. Ca. x.

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As moche as there is no myne of metall/ of copur/ within this realme of Englande founde or had/ where suffycient copur may be gathered for the vse of the kyng our souerayne lord and for the people of this his realme and also for as moche as dyuers mynes of copur in the parties of beyonde the see/ be nowe lately mynyshed and decayed/ by reason wherof the pryce of copur is greatly risen/ as well in the parties of beyonde the see/ as in this realme/ of the whiche copur dyuers metalls myxed be made/ as well latten of the whiche the founders make dyuers vessels/ instrumentes/ and other necessary thynges / as also panne metall/ brasse metall/ gonne metall / a bell metall/ made and wrought by dyuers artyficers within this realme/ whiche be nowe also at a great pryce/ and also wher dyuers within this realme of late haue caried and conueyed/ and dayly vse to cary and conuey into the parties of beyonde the see/ moche latten brasse/ and such metall myxed/ as well in olde panne metall a broken vessels and instrumentes/ as in metall shofte/ and other thynges/ not onely to the great hurte of our souerayne lord the kyng in lackyng metall to make and furnyssh his ordynance/ but also to the great hurte and decaye of all suche artyficers whiche vse to worke any suche metall/ and to the hurte of all the kynges lyege people/ not withstandinge that a redress was communed of by the kyng our souerayne lord / and the lordes of his honorable counsell in Ester terme last past/ sythens whiche tyme moche of the sayd metalls hath ben coueyed. **Be** it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament that no person or persons from henceforth do conuey or cary any such metall/ whether it be clene or myxed to any port/ haven/ place/ or creeke/ of this his realme/ in any shyppe/ vessel/ or bote/ to be caried or conueyed in to any parte beyonde the see/ upon payne of forfeiture of all the sayd metall/ in whose handes so euer they be founde or the value of the same/ the one moyte of the sayd forfeiture/ to be to our souerayne lord the kyng/ and the other moyte to the vse of hym that shall take or fynde the same forfeiture/ This acte to contynue vnto the next parlyament.

An acte for restytucyon of goodes felonously stolen.

Ca. xi.

Be it enacted by this present parlyament that yf any felon or felons/ hereafter do robbe or take away any money/ goodes/ cattels/ from any of the kynges subiectes from theyr person or other wyse within this realme/ and therof the sayd felon or felons be indyted/ and after arrayned of the same felony/ and found gilty therof/ or other wyse attaynted by reason of euidence gyuen by the party so robbed or owner of the sayd money/ goodes/ or cattels/ or by any other by theyr procurement/ that thā the party so robbed or owner shalbe restored to his sayd money/ goodes/ a cattels/ and that aswell the iustices of gaole deliuer as other iustices afoze whom any suche felon or felons shalbe founde gilty or other wyse attaynted by reason of euidence gyue by the partie so robbed or owner/ or by any other by theyr procurement/ haue power by this present acte to award fro tyme to tyme wytes of restytucyon for the sayd money/ goodes/ a cattels in lyke manner as though any such felo or felos were attaynted at the sute of the party in appele.

An acte for trewe makinge of cables/ halsters/ and ropes.

Most humbly beleeche your hyghnes/ the barlyfs/ burgeys/ a other the inhabitantes of your towne a borough of Burpote within your countie of Dorset/ thet they out of tyme thet no mannes mynde is to the contrary/ haue used a exercysed to make in the same/ the moost parte of all the great cables/ halsters/ ropes/ a all other takelynges aswell for your royall shippes a nauey/ as for the moost pte of all other shippes within this realme/ by reason wherof/ your said towne was ryght wel mayntayned a habytied/ your hyghnes

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hyghnes & your subiectes ryght well serued/ bntyll now of late many dyuers and euill
 dysposed persons entending þ destruccyon of your sayd towne for they ppyuate lucre
 & auantage/ haue withdrauen the self in to the countrey in dyuers places/ there takyng
 fermes and blyng husbandry out of the sayd towne/ and also dayly resorte to your sayd
 towne to bre & prouyde hempe and therof make cables/ropes/hallers/traces/halters/
 & other tacle/ which cables/ropes/hallers/traces/halters/and other tacle be by þ sayde
 persons sleightly & deceyuably made/by reason wherof not only the byets of the same
 ben cotynually thereby deceyued/ but also the ppyces of the sayd cables/ hallers/traces/
 halters/and other tacle thereby greatly enhaunced/ and your sayd towne o; borough/
 by meane therof is lyke utterly to be decayed/turned/and dissoluted/ yf speyde reme dy
 be not by your hyghnes in that case prouyded. ¶ Be it therfore enacted by your hygh-
 nes/ by the lordes spiritual and temporal/ and the commons in this present parlyament
 assembled/ and by the auctoryte of the same. That no maner person o; persons dwel-
 lyng o; inhabytyng within the dysstaunce of fyue myles from the sayd towne o; bor-
 ough of Burpoyte/ shall from henceforth sell o; cause to be solde out of the market/ hol-
 den and to be holden within the same towne o; borough of Burpoyte/ to any person o;
 persons/ any hempe whiche shall happen to growe within the sayde fyue myles in dy-
 staunce from the sayd towne o; borough/ vpon payne of forseynture of the sayd hempe so
 solde/ o; to be solde in any place o; places within the dysstaunce of the sayd fyue myles
 out of the sayd towne/ borough/ o; market/ contrary to the forme & effecte of this esta-
 tute. ¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoryte aboue sayd/ þ no person o; persons/
 other than such as shall dwell and be inhabytauntes within the said towne/ shall make
 after the feest of Ester next comynge out of the sayd towne any cables/ hallers/ropes/
 traces/ halters/ o; any other tacle made of hempe in any other place o; places within þ
 sayd dysstaunce of fyue myles from the sayd towne/ vpon payne of forseynture of þ sayd
 cables/ hallers/ropes/ traces/ halters/and other tacle/ made and to be made contrary
 to the forme and effecte of this estatute/ þ one half of euery such forseynture/ as well of þ
 hepe so sold o; to be solde out of þ sayd towne/ borough/ & market/ contrary to the forme
 aforesayd/ as also þ sayd cables/ hallers/ropes/ traces/ halters/ & other tacyl made out
 of þ sayd towne contrary to this estatute to be to þ vse of our souerayn lord þ kyng/ & þ o-
 ther half to hym þ wyll sue for þ same/ by acco; of det. byll/ o; informacyo; wherin ney-
 ther wager of law/ essoyne/ nor pteccio; shalbe allowed. ¶ Prouyded alwayes þ. xx. pound
 twyght shalbe accepted to þ stone. ¶ Prouyded also þ euery pson dwelling within the
 sayd dysstaunce/ may make cables/ hallers/ropes/ traces/ halters/ & other tacyl for theyr
 owne vse & occupacyons/ but in no wyse agaynst this acte. This acte to endure vnto
 the nexte parlyament.

¶ In acte agaynst pluralytees of benefices/ for takynge of fermes by
 spiritual men/ and for resydence. Cap. xiii.

HO; the moze quyet & vertuous increase & mayntenaunce of dyuine seruyce þ pre-
 chynge & techynge þ worde of god w; godly & good exaple gpyng the better dys-
 charge of curates/ the mayntenaunce of hospytalyte/ þ relefe of pooze people/ þ increase
 of deuoty; & good opyny; of the lay see toward þ spiritual psons. Be it enacted / o;
 deyned/ & establisshed by the kyng our souerayn lord/ w; þ assent of þ lordes spiritual &
 temporal & þ comons in this pient parlyament assembled/ And by þ auctoryte of þ same/ þ no
 spiall pson/ secular o; regular/ of what degre so euer he o; they be/ shall from henceforth
 take to ferme hym to sell o; to any pson o; persons/ to his vse of þ lease o; graut of the

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kyng of souerayn lord/ no: of any other person o: pson/ by letters patentes /in den-
tures/ wytynges/ by wo:de o: otherwyle/ by any maner meanes any maners/ landes/
tenites/ o: other here bytamentes/ fo: terme of lyfe/ fo: terme of yeres/ o: at wyl/ vpon
payn to forset. x. li. fo: euery moneth p he o: any other to his vse shal occupie any suche
ferme/ by reason of any suche lease o: graunt hereafter to be made. The one halfe of
which forseture to be to p kyng our souerayne lord/ & the other halfe thereof to euery
suche person as wyl sue fo: p same/ by o: ygnall wyrt/ byll/ o: playnt of det/ o: by any
informacyo in any of the kynges courtes. In which accio a sute no wager of lawe shal
be admytted fo: p defendaut/ no: any esloyn o: ptercyd allowed. And be it also ena-
cted by the aucto:yte aforesayd/ p all & euery such spiall person o: persons/ whiche now
haue o: occupie in ferme by the selfe o: by any other to they: vse/ any maners/ landes/
tenementes/ o: here bytamentes of the lelle/ o: graut of the kyng our souerayn lord/ o:
any other person o: pson/ fo: terme of lyfe/ o: fo: yeres/ o: at wyl/ by any wytyng
o: otherwyle/ o: p now haue any annuel rentes/ o: other annuel aduantage o: profyt/
by occasy o: colour of any such lelle o: ferme/ shal clerely bargayn/ sell/ gyue/ o: graut
away on this syde the feest of saynt Myghell the archangell next comyng to any suche
lay person/ o: persons/ as they wyl at they: owne nominacyo & appoyntmet/ all such
lelle/ terme/ interest/ & profyt as any such spiall pson/ o: any other to his vse now hath
o: haue/ in/ o: by reason of any such ferme/ so p in no wyle any such spiall person o: per-
sons at any tyme after the same feest by the selfe o: any other to they: vse by any maner
of meanes/ fraude/ o: male engyne/ shal haue/ vse o: occupie in ferme any maners/ la-
des/ tenites/ o: hereditamentes of p demyle/ lelle/ o: graut of any perio o: pson/ here to
foze made/ o: here after to be made/ to the selfe o: to any other to they: vies/ no: fro the
sayd feest shal take any annuell rent o: other annuell aduantage o: pfit/ by occasy o:
colour of any such lelle o: ferme by any maner of meanes / vpo payne to forset fo: eue-
ry moneth so occupieng any such ferme/ at any tyme after p sayd feest cōtrary to this
p sent acte. x. li. And vpo payne to forset ten tymes as moch as any spiall person o: any
to his vse/ shal take in any annuell rent/ aduantage/ o: profyt/ by occasy o: colour of
any such lelle/ at any tyme after the sayd feest. The one half of which forsetures to be
to the kyng our souerayne lord/ & p other half to hym p wyl sue fo: the same by o: ygn-
nall wyrt/ byll/ o: playnt of det/ o: by informacyo in any of p kyngs courtes. In which
accio a sute no wager of lawe shal be admytted fo: p defendaut/ no: any esloyn o: pro-
tercyd allowed. And be it also enacted p all such lleses made / o: hereafter to be made
vnto any suche sp:ytuall perio o: perios/ o: to any other to they: vse/ fo: terme of lyfe
terme of yeres/ o: at wyl/ of any maners/ landes/ tenites/ o: here bytamentes/ wherof
they o: any of the shal take any profyt/ o: medelynge by the selfe/ o: by any to they: vse
after the feest of saynt Myghell/ by colour of any such lelle o: graunt/ & nat by the bar-
gained grauted/ & solde away before p sayd feest as is before lymytted/ shal fro then-
fo:th be utterly voyde & of none effect/ alwel agaynst the lessour o: lessours/ grautour
& grautours/ they: heyres & assignes/ & agaynst euery of the/ as agais p lelle o: lessees
& they: executores & assignes/ and euery of the. And vnderd alway p this p sent acte
shall not extende to any spiall person o: persons/ in/ and fo: takyng to ferme any tem-
poraltes/ duryng p tyme of vacacyo of any archebysshop/ bps/ bps/ bps/ abbeyes
p:yo:es/ o: other collegiall/ cathe:dral/ o: couentual churches/ no: to any spiall person
o: persons/ p shall tende o: make any traueise vpo any offyces o: offyce cōcernyng his
o: they: secholde. And be it also enacted by p aucto:yte aforesayd p no spiall person
o: persons

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oꝛ persons seculer oꝛ regular/ of what estate oꝛ degre so euer they be/ shall fro henceforth by him self/ noꝛ by any other/ soꝛ hyin noꝛ to his vse/ bargayn & bye to sel agayn soꝛ any lucre/ gayne/ oꝛ profyt/ in any markettes/ sayes/ oꝛ other places/ any maner of cattels coꝛnes/ leade/ tynne/ hybes/ lether/ tallowe/ fyssh/ woll/ wood/ oꝛ any maner of byrtel oꝛ marchaundyse/ what kynde so euer it be of/ vpon payne to foꝛset treble the value of euery thyng by them oꝛ by any to theyꝛ vse/ bargayned and bought to sell agayne/ coꝛtrary to this pꝛesent acte. And that euery such bargayne & coꝛtracte hereafter to be made by them/ oꝛ by any to theyꝛ vse contrary to this acte/ shall be utterly voyd & of none effecte. And the one halfe of euery suche foꝛfeiture to be to the kyng our souerayn lord/ & the other half to hyin that wyl sue foꝛ the same by oꝛygyall wyꝛt of det/ byll/ playnt/ oꝛ infoꝛmacyon/ in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche accyon oꝛ sute/ no wager of lawe foꝛ the defendaunt shall be admytted/ noꝛ any essoyne noꝛ pꝛotectyon allowed.

¶ Prouyded alway ꝑ ꝑf any such spūal person oꝛ persons shall happē hereafter without fraude oꝛ couyn to bye any hoꝛses/ mares/ oꝛ incowles/ to the onely intent to occupy soꝛ hyin selfe/ oꝛ his seruantes to ryde to & fro/ vpon his necessary busynes/ oꝛ any other cattels oꝛ goodes/ to the onely intent & purpose at the byenge therof to be employed & put in/ & about his necessary apparell of his owne house oꝛ of his person & seruantes/ oꝛ in/ soꝛ & about the onely occupyenge manuryng oꝛ tyllage of his owne glebe oꝛ de- mean landes annexed to his church/ oꝛ foꝛ the necessary expences of his owne household keepyng. And after ꝑ byeng of suche hoꝛses/ cattels/ oꝛ goodes/ oꝛ exercyse of the oꝛ any of the happeneth to myslike any of the ꝑ they shuld nat be good/ pꝛofyttable noꝛ coꝛ- uenient foꝛ any of the purposes aboue sayde/ soꝛ the which they were bought/ That then euery suche spūal person oꝛ persons may lawfully bargayne/ & put away suche thyng/ so by hyin bought without fraude oꝛ couyn foꝛ any of the purposes aboue sayde at his pleasure & aduantage. This acte oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned nat withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded alway that all abbottes/ pꝛyoꝛes/ abbesses/ pꝛyoꝛesses/ pꝛouostes/ pꝛes- bidentes/ maysters of colleges and hospytalles/ and all other spūal gouernours/ and go- uernesses/ of any spūal monasteries oꝛ houses of relygyon/ by what name oꝛ names so euer they be called/ hauyng maners/ landes/ & tenementes/ heredytamentes/ & other yerely pꝛofytes/ in the ryght of theyꝛ monasteries oꝛ houses/ of the yerely value of. viii hundred markes oꝛ vnder/ and nat aboue/ may vse and occupye as moche and as ma- ny of theyꝛ deimeane landes/ see fermes/ & fermes to theyꝛ moost aduantage/ comodite/ and profyt/ to and soꝛ ꝑ onely mayntenance of theyꝛ householders & hospitalytes/ in as ample and as large maner as they oꝛ any of them oꝛ theyꝛ pꝛedecessours/ oꝛ ꝑ pꝛe- detessours of any of them/ at any tyme by the space of one. C. yeres last past/ before the makyng of this pꝛesent acte/ haue done/ vsed and occupied/ Any thyng in this pꝛesent acte to the contrary nat withstandyng. ¶ Prouyded also that euery other spꝛyтуall person & persons nat hauyng suffꝛyēt glebe/ oꝛ deimeane landes in theyꝛ own handes/ in the ryght of theyꝛ churches/ monasteries & houses foꝛ pasturage of cattels/ oꝛ foꝛ in- crease of coꝛnes/ to and soꝛ the onely expꝛes of theyꝛ householders/ and soꝛ the caryage and iourneys/ may take in ferme other landes/ and bye and sell coꝛne and cattell soꝛ ꝑ onely manurafice/ tyllage/ and pasturage of suche ferme/ so that the encrease therof be alwayes employed and put to and soꝛ the onely expences in theyꝛ householdes & hospi- talytes. And nat in any wyse to bye end sell agayne/ soꝛ any other commoditye/ lucre oꝛ aduantage/ any coꝛne/ oꝛ cattell/ reuewyng/ comyng/ oꝛ growyng/ in and vꝑoꝛ any suche ferme oꝛ otherwyse/ but onely the ranshyne & ouerplus aboue theyꝛ expences

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of theyr householdes / yf any suche shall happen of the breed & encrease thereof / without fraude or couyn. Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary hereof nat withstanding. And be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde / yf any person or persons hauynge one benefyce with cure of soule / beyng of the yerele value of. viii. li. or above / accept & take any other with cure of soule. And be instituted and inducted in possession of y same / that then and tyme dyntly after suche possession had thereof. The first benefyce shall be adiuged in the lawe to be voyde. And that it shall be lafull to every patrone hauynge the auouson thereof to present an other / and the presentee to haue the benefyce of the same / in such lyke maner & forme as though y incombent had dyed / or resigned / any lycence / vnyon / or other dyspensacyon to the contrary hereof opteyned nat withstanding. And that every suche lycence / vnyon / or dyspensacyon / had or hereafter to be opteyned contrary to this present acte / of what name or names / qualyte or qualytees so euer they be / shall be utterly voyd and of none effect. And yf any person or persons at any tyme after the first day of Apryll / in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. &. xxx. contrary to this present acte / procure & opteyne at the court of Rome or els where any lycence or lycences / vnyon / tolleracyon / or dyspensacyon / to receyue & take any mo benefyces with cure / thā is aboute lymytted / or els at any tyme after the sayd day put in execution any suche lycence / tolleracyon / dyspensacyon before y opteyned contrary to this acte / y then every such pson or persons so after the said day suynge for hym self / or receyving & takynge such benefyce by force of such lycence or lycences / vnyon / tolleracyon / or dyspensacyon / y is to say / the same person or persons onely & none other / shall for every such default incurre the daunger / payne / & penaltie of. xx. li. sterl. And also lose the hole profites of every such benefyce or benefyces as he receyueth or taketh by force of any such lycence or lycences / vnyon / tolleracyon / or dyspensacyon. The one half of which forfeyture to be to y kyng our souerayne lord. And the other halfe to hym y wyll sue for the same by orygyynall wyrt / byll / playnt of det / or informacyon / in any of y kynges courtes. In which accyon and sute no wager of lawe / essoyne / or proteccyon / for the defendaunt shall be admytted or allowed.

Wherbynt always y this acte concernynge the nat kepynge of mo benefyces w cure of soule thā one / extēde ne be prejudyciall to any person or persons / which at any tyme before the sayde first day of Apryll / in y yere of our lord god. M. v. C. &. xxx. shalbe really entytled and possessyd of any such benefyces w cure of soule / as concernynge or touchynge any of the same benefyces / wherof they shall thā be all redy really entytled or possessed before y sayd day / to or vnder the nombre of. iiii. & nat above / & yf any such spūall pson or persons so beyng entytled or possessed of mo benefyces with cure of soule thā. iiii. do nat by the sayd first day of Apryll clerly & without yerele pcyon / resygne or other wyse gyue up all & every suche benefyces & benefyce as he shalbe so entytled & possessyd of / aboute the sayd nombre / y then it shall be lefull for every patron hauynge y auouson of any suche benefyce ouer the nombre aforesayd to present an other / and the presentee to haue the benefyt of the same in lyke maner & forme as though it had be voyde by dethe or resygnacyon of the incombent / any lycence / vnyon / or other dyspensacyon to the contrary hereof opteyned nat withstanding. And this clause of presentacyon to be taken and vnderstanden in and of suche benefyces with cure of soule / as were gyuen to any suche spūtuall person after the sayde nombre of. iiii. benefyces with cure furnyshed and fulfilled. Wherbynt also that all spūtuall men now beyng or whych hereafter shall be of the kynges counsell / may purchase lycence or dyspensacyon / & take / receyue / and kepe

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and kepe thre personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule/and that all other beyng the kynges chapeleyn/and nat sworne of his counsaile/the chapeleyns of the quene/prynce / oꝝ pryncesse/oꝝ of any the kynges chyldren/bretherne/systers/uncles/may semblably purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon/and receyue and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule/and in lyke wyse that euery archebysshop and duke may haue. vi chapeleyns/wherof euery one shal and may purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyoꝝ/and take receyue/and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule. And that euery marques and erle maye haue fyue chapeleyns/wherof euery one maye purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyoꝝ/ & take/receyue/and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule. And that euery byscount and other bysshop/may haue foure chapeleyns/wherof euery one may purchase lycence/and receyue/haue/and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule/as is aforesayd. And that the chauncellour of Englande foꝝ the tyme beyng/and euery baron and knyght of the garter may haue thre chapeleyns/wherof euery one shal now purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacion/and receyue haue/and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule. And y euery duchesse/marques/countesse/and baronnesse/beyng wydowes/may haue two chapelayns wherof euery one of the may purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon to receyue/haue/and kepe two benefyces with cure of soule. And that the tresorer and countroller of the kynges house/ the kynges secretary/and Dean of his chapel/the kynges amner/and the mayster of the rolles/ may haue euery of them. ii. chapeleyns. And the chiefe Justyce of the kynges benche one chapeleyn/and the warden of the fyue portes foꝝ the tyme beyng one chapeleyn / wherof euery one maye purchase lycence/and receyue/haue/and kepe two personages / oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule. And that the bretherne and sonnes of all tempozall lordes whiche are bozne in wedlocke/may euery of them purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon / & receyue/haue/and kepe as many personages oꝝ benefyces with cure as the chapeleyns of a duke oꝝ an archebysshop. And lyke wyse y bretherne and sonnes bozne in wedlocke of euery knyght/may euery of them purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon/ & receyue/take/and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule.

¶ Prouyded alway that the sayd chapeleyns so purchasyng/takyng/receyuyng/ & kepyng benefyces with cure of soule as is aforesayd/shal be bounde to haue and exhybte where neede shall be/letters vnder the sygne and seale of the kyng oꝝ other theiꝝ lordes and mayster testyfyenge whose chapeleyns they be. And elles nat to enioye any suche pluralyte of benefyces by suche chapeleyn. Any thyng in this acte nat withstandinge.

¶ Be it also prouyded that all doctours and bachelers of dyuynyte/doctours of lawe/and bachelers of lawe canon/and euery of them whiche shall be admytted to any the sayde degrees by any of the vniuersytes of this realme and nat by grace onely/maye purchase lycence/ & take/haue/and kepe two personages oꝝ benefyces with cure of soule. So that alway the sayd lybertye by any of the prouysons beforesayde gyuen to any of the sayd counsellors/chapeleyns and other persons befoze spertyed to purchase lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon / and take/receyue / and kepe mo benefyces then one /after the maner and forme aforesayde / be taken and vnderstanden to extende in number to no mo benefyces with cure of soule than is aboue lymyted. Accontyng in the same and as parrall therof such benefyces with cure of soule as any of the sayd persones shal haue in reall tytle oꝝ in theiꝝ possellyon at the sayd fyft day of Apryll/in the yere of our lord god. M. CCCC. rri.

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¶ Prouyded also that euery archbysshop/ because he must occupye. viii. chapeleyns at consecrations of bysshops. And euery bysshop because he must occupye. vi. chapeleyns at gyuyng of ordres and consecracyon of churches/ may euery of them haue two chapeleyns ouer and aboute the number aboute lymytted vnto them wherof euery one may purchase lycence and dyspensacyon/ and take/ receyue/ and kepe as many personages and benefyces with cure of soule as is befoze allygned to suche chapeleyns.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted by auctoꝝrte afoꝝsayd/ that no person oꝝ persons to whom any nombꝛe of chapeleyns/ oꝝ any chapeleyn by any of the prouysions afoꝝsayd is lymytted/ shall in any wyse by coloure of any of the same prouysions / auauunce any spyꝛituall person oꝝ persons aboute the nombꝛe to them appoynted/ to receyue oꝝ kepe any mo benefyces with cure of soule/ than is aboute lymytted by this acte any thyngge specyfyed in the sayd prouysions nat withstandyng/ and yf they do/ than euery suche spyꝛitual person and persons so auaunced aboute the sayd number to incurre the payn and penalte conteyned in this acte.

¶ Be it also furthermoze enacted by the auctoꝝrte afoꝝsayde/ that as well euery spyꝛituall person now beyng promoted to any archdeacontye/ deantye/ oꝝ dygnyte in any monastery oꝝ cathedꝛall churche/ oꝝ other churche conuentuall oꝝ collegyall/ oꝝ beyng benefyced with any personage oꝝ bycarage/ as all and euery spyꝛituall person and persons/ whiche hereafter shall be promoted to any of the sayd dygnytees/ oꝝ benefyced w any personage oꝝ bycarage/ from the feest of saynt Myghell the archaungell nexte comyng/ shall be personally resydent and abydyng/ in/ at/ and vpon his sayd dygnyte/ pꝛebende/ oꝝ benefyce / oꝝ at one of them at the leest. And in case any suche spyꝛituall pson at any tyme after the sayd feest/ kepe nat resydence at one of his sayd dygnytees/ pꝛebende/ oꝝ benefyces/ as is afoꝝsayd/ but absent hym selfe wyllfully by the space of one monethe togyder/ oꝝ by the space of two monethes to be accepted at seuerall tymes in any one yere/ and make his resydence and abydyng in any other places by such tyme/ that than he shal soꝛfet foꝝ euery suche default. x. li. sterlyngge. The one half therof to the kyng our souerayne lord/ and the other halfe of the same to the partye that will sue foꝝ the same in any of the kynges courts by oꝝygnall wyrt of dette/ byll/ playnt/ oꝝ informyacyon. In whiche accyon a sute the defendaunt shall nat wage his lawe/ noꝝ haue any essoyne oꝝ proteccyon allowed.

¶ And yf any person oꝝ persons procure oꝝ obteyne at the court of Rome oꝝ els where any maner of lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon to be none resydent at theyꝝ sayd dygnytees/ pꝛebende/ oꝝ benefyces/ contrary to this acte. That then euery suche person oꝝ persones/ puttyng in execucyon any suche dyspensacyon oꝝ lycence foꝝ hym selfe/ from the sayde fyrst day of Apryll/ in the yere of our lord god. M. v. C. x. shall tennne & incurre in the penalte dammage and payne of. xx. li. sterlyngge/ foꝝ euery tyme so doyng/ to be soꝛfeted and recouered as is aboute sayde/ and suche lycence oꝝ dyspensacyon so procured/ oꝝ to be put in execucyon to be voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouyded alwayes þ this acte of none resydence/ shall not in any wyse extende ne be styndyng to any suche spꝛiall pson as shall chaunce to be in the kynges seruyce beyonde the see/ noꝝ to any pson oꝝ psons goyng to any pylgrymage oꝝ holy place beyond þ see duryng þ tyme þ they shall so be in the kynges seruyce oꝝ in theyꝝ pylgrynages goyng and retournyng home/ noꝝ to any scolar oꝝ scolers beyng conuersant and abydyng foꝝ study without fraude oꝝ couyne at any vnversyte within this realme oꝝ without/ noꝝ to any of the chapeleyns of the kynges oꝝ quenes/ dayly oꝝ quarterly attendyng/ & abydyng

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abiding in the kynges or quenes moost honorable householdes. Also to any of the chapelens of the pryncce or pryncces / or any of the kynges or quenes chyldren / brethren or sisters / attendinge dayly in theyr honorable householdes / during so longe as they shal attende in any of theyr sayd householdes. Also to any chapelene of any archebysshop / or bysshop / or of any spiritual or tempozal lordes of the parlyament / dayly attendinge / abidinge / and remainyng in any of theyr honorable householdes. Also to any chapelene of any duches / marques / countesse / bycountesse / or baronnesse / attendinge dayly & abidinge in any of theyr honorable householdes. Also to any chapelene of the lord chauncellour / or tresorer of England / the kynges chamberleyn / or steward of his household for the tyme beinge / the tresorer and countroller of the kynges moost honourable household / for the tyme beinge / attendinge dayly in any of theyr honorable householdes. Also to any chapelene of any of the knyghtes of the honorable order of the garter / or of the chiefe Justyce of the kynges bench / warden of the portes / or also the mayster of the rolles / Also to any chapelene of the kynges secretary / and deane of the chapel annexed for the tyme beinge / dayly attendinge and dwellinge in any of theyr household during the tyme that any such chapelene or chapelens / shall abyde and dwell / without fraude or couyne in any of the sayd honorable householdes. Also to the mayster of the rolles / or deane of the arches / Also to any chauncellour or commissary of any archebysshop or bysshop. Also to as many of the. xii. maysters of the chauncery / and. xii. advocates of the arches as be / or hereafter shalbe spual men during so longe tyme as they shal occupye theyr sayd roines and offices. Also to any suche spiritual persons as shal happen by Injunction of the lord chauncellour / or the kynges counsell to be bounde to any dayly apperaunce and attendaunce to answer to the lawe duringe the tyme of suche Injunction.

It is shewyd also that it shall be lesfull to every spiritual person or persons beinge chapelens to the kyng our souerayne lord / to whom it shall please his highnes to grue any benefices or promociouns spiritual to what nomber so ever it be / to accepte and take the same / without incurringe the daunger penaltye and forfeyture in this estatute expressed. And also it shalbe lesfull to the kynges highnes to grue licence to every of his owne chapelens for none residence upon theyr benefices. Any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrary nat withstandinge.

And be it furthermoze enacted by the auctorite aforesayd that no spiritual person secular or regular / beneficed with cure as is afoze reherced / fro the feast of saynt Myghell the archaungel nexte comyng / by auctorite of any maner licence / dispensacyon / or other wyse / shall take any particuler stypende or salary to synge for any soule / nor haue or occupye by hym selfe / or by any other to his vse any personage or bycorage in serme / of the leasse or graunte of any person or persones / nor take any profyt or rent out of any serme / wth payne to forfeyte. xl. s. for every suche wyke that he or any to his vse shall occupye / or haue any suche stypende or serme contrary to his present acte. And upon payne to lose ten tymes the value of such profyte or rent as he shal take out of any suche serme after the sayde feast. The one halfe of whiche forfaytures to be to the kyng our souerayne lord / and the other moyte to hym that wyll sue for the same by or by his wytt / byll / playnt of det / or by informacyon in any of the kynges courts. In whiche sute and accyon no wager of lawe shall be admytted for the defendaunt / nor any essoyne or protectyon allowed.

It is shewyd also that no Deanry / archdeaconry / chauncellourshyppe / treasury

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chawderhypp/ o; pbenche/ in any cathed; all o; collegyall ch; ch; no; personage that hath
a bycat indued/ no; any benefyce perpetuall; appoynte/ be taken o; comprehended
vnder the name of benefyce/ hauing cure of soule in any artycle afoze specified. ¶ p; o
uyded also and be it enacted by the aucto; yte afoze sayd/ p; no sp; ytuall person o; per
sons/ reguler o; seculer of what estate/ degre/ o; conbycyon so euer be o; they be/ frome
the fyyst day of Apryll next comyng/ haue/ vse/ o; kepe/ by hym o; them selfe/ o; by any
person o; persons to his o; they; vse o; comodite / any maner tawhouse o; tawhouses
to be vse o; occupyed to his o; they; owne vse/ comodite/ o; behoue/ no; from p; sayde
fyyst day of Apryll nexte comyng/ shall haue/ vse/ o; kepe/ any maner of b; tawhouse o;
b; tawhouses / to any other vse/ intet/ o; behoue/ thd onely to be spent & occupyed in his
o; they; owne houles / vpon payne to fo; scyte fo; euery moneth so vying & occuppyng
any of the sayd mysteries o; occupacions. x. li. The one moyte therof to the kynge our
souerayn lord; & the other moyte to hym that wyl sue fo; the same by o; ygnal wytte/
hyll/ playnt of det/ o; informacyon/ in any of the kynges courtes/ In wiche acco; and
sute no wager of lawe shalbe admittet for the defendaunt/ ne any elloyn o; proteccyon
allowed. ¶ p; ouyded alwayes that euery duches/ marques/ countesse/ baronnesse/ wy-
dowes/ which haue taken o; p; hereafter shall take any husbannes vnder the degre of a
baron/ may take such nob;e of chapeleyns as is aboute lymytted to the beying wydowes.
And p; euery such chapeleyn may purchase lyfete to haue & take such nob;e of benefices
with cure of soule/ & haue lyhe lybertie of none resydece I maner & soone as they myght
haue done yf they; sayde ladyes and maystresses had kepte them selfe wydowes/ Any
thyng in this present acte cōtaryed to the cōtrary not withstandyng. ¶ p; ouyded al-
wayes p; euery sp; ytuall person o; p; sons hauyng landes/ tenementes/ o; other possel; yons
in the ryght of they; houles about p; yerely value of. vii. l. markes/ may kepe & retayn
in they; occupacyon and manurance as moche as they; sayd landes & tenementes and
other possel; yons as shalbe necessary and suffycent fo; pasturage of they; cattels/ and
fo; tyllage of cornes to be employed and spent fo; the onely mayntenaunce / sustenta-
cyon & keepyng of his o; they; householdes and hospytalytes/ without fraude o; couyn.
Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng. ¶ p; ouyded
alway/ p; it may be lesfull to euery sp; ytuall p; son & persons/ to take in ferme any mea-
ses/ mansyons/ o; dwellynge houles/ hauyng but onely orchardes o; gardyns/ in any
cyte/ borough/ & towne fo; they; owne habytacyon o; dwellyng. Any thyng in this acte
to the cōtrary nat withstandyng. So p; no p; son sp; all other thd be about payed fo; /
fo; they; none resydece haue any lybertye of none resydece by colour of this p; ouyso.

**CAn acte concernynge lynnyn clothe/called bolias
and lokeraing. Cap. xiiij.**

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A moost humble wyse sheweth vnto the kynges highnes/ and to þ
lozdes spyrituall and tempoꝛal/ and the coimons in this present pa
rlyament assembled. The lynnyn dyapers inhabytauntes within the
cytye of London/ brynge to sell lynnyn clothe called Dowlas and
loheram/ of the commodytes brought and made in Bytayne/ in þ
partyes beyonde the see/ that where by all the tyme wherof mynde
of man is not to the contrary/ in the tyme of the kynges moost noble
progenytours/ all suche marchauntes as well englyshe as straungers/ as at any tyme
brought oꝛ conuered the sayde Dowlas and loheram in to this realme of Englande/
brought and conuered the same in peces oꝛ halfe peces euery hole pecce of dowlas con
teynynge

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termining in length. v. score elles of assise/accepting to every elle one ynde of assise / & in byde one yarde of assise / & every half pece fyfty ellys in length / & one yarde of byde of lyke assise. And all the hole pece and half pece of one goodnes in makynge / and as well every pece of loheram to be of lyke length / as the hole pece of Wolas / and every half pece of loheram to be of lyke length / as the halfe pece of Wolas / and every suche hole pece and half pece / to be in byde a hole yarde / lathynge a nayle of the yarde / and every pece and half pece to be in lyke goodnes by all the length of the same pece / which when it was so used / was to þ great profyte of all þ kynges subiectes. And now of late within the space of .xx. or .xxx. yeres passed / byuers persons for theyr oʒyn synguler lucre haue brought all the said Wolas and loheram in halfe peces / which half pece lacketh in every such one half pece of the due length .iiii. or .v. elles / & some more & some lesse / bysede the byde of assise and accustomed / to the great & extreme hurte of the kynges poore subiectes / occupiers / byers / & sellers of the same. It may therfore please your byghnes / with the lordes spyrituall and temporall / and the commons in this present parliament assembled. And by the auctorite of the same / to enact & establishe / that no person or persons / englysh nor straunger / denysh or alen / from or after the feest of saynt Michell the archaungell nexte comynge / shall bringe and conuey / or cause to be brought or conueyed / by any maner of meanes in to this realme of England any of the sayd lynnyn clothe / called Wolas or loherams / but onely in hole peces / or halfe peces / of the full lengthen / bydes / goodnes / and in assises / as is before sayd / and as here tofore in olde tymes hath ben accustomed and used / vnder payne of forfeyture of the same Wolas and loheram / so to be brought or conueyed into this realme / nat conueynge the full length / byde / goodnes / assise / or the value therof / the one half to þ kyng our souerayn lord / the other half of the sayd forfeyture to hym or them that shall take or take the same / or sue for the same by acryd / informacyd / byll / or other wyse. In which acryd / lutes / or informacyon / no wages of lawe / or esoyne shalbe admytted.

¶ An acte that all fermers may enioye theyr lesse agaynst recouered had by
fayned tytes / and falsse the same recouered. Cap. xv.

Where afore this tyme byuers persons haue made leases / landes / tenementes / and other hereditamentes / somtyme by theyr indentures / & somtyme without wytynges / to other persons for terme of yeres / takynge of them great fines for the incommes of the same landes / and after the same leaseours / theyr heires or assignes / haue caused and suffered recoueres to be had against them in the court of our souerayn lord the kyng / and in other lordes courtis / upon fayned and vntrewe tytes / by craft or rouse to put the sayd fermers from theyr sayd termes. And after such recoueres had / the same recoueres / by reason of such recoueres and iudgements / haue entred in to the same maners / landes / tenementes / and other here dymentes so to ferme letten / and therof haue expelled the sayd fermers / contrary to theyr sayd leases / conuynentes / and agrementes. And because it was doubted of som persons whether the sayd fermers myght falsse such recoueres or nat.
¶ Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayn lord / by assent of the lordes spyrituall and temporall / and the commons in this present parliament assembled / and by the auctorite of the same / that all such fermers shall & may falsse for his tyme onely suche recoueres / as well here tofore hadde / as hereafter to be had / in suche wyse and

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to me as tenant of a freeholde / shall & may do by the course of the comon law / where the
tenant of free holde was neyther prier nor partie to þe same recouerie. And þe same
termers / they / executours & assygners / nat withstandinge suche recoueries so had / shall
retayne holde & enioy the / sayd termes accordyng to the / sayd lesles agaynst all such
recoueries / they / heyes & assygners as they shuld o / myght haue done agaynst þe sayd les
sours / yf such recouerye had not be had ne suffred / & þe same recouerye / they / heyes
& assygners after such recouerye so had / shall haue lyke remedy agaynst the sayd termers
they / executours & assygners by auowey o / acco of det for þe rentes & seruyces reserved
vnto the same lesles beyng due after the same recoueries / & also lyke acco agaynst the
for waik done after þe same recoueries so had / in lyke maner & forme as þe sayd lessours
shulde o / myght haue had yf the same recoueries had neuer be had. And also be it fur
ther enacted by þe auctorite aforesayd / þe no maner of statute of the staple / statute mar
chaunt / nor executyde by elegit / be hereafter auoyded / o / in any wyse made frustrate by
meanes of any such sayned recouerye / but þe all persons hauyng any landes / tenites / o /
other hereditamentes in executyde / in beyng intitled to haue executyde of any maners
landes / o / tenementes by any such meanes / shall haue by force of this estatute lyke reue
dy to auoyde and falsse the sayd recoueries as before is ordeyned and prouyded for
the lesse for terme of yeres.

¶ In acte concernyng artifycers straungers. Ca. xvi.

DRaven the commons in this present parliament assembled that wher in þe. xv.
daye of february / in the. xx. yere of the reygne of our now moost gracious
souverayne lord kynge Henry the. viii. by oure sayde souerayne lord the
kynge / his moost honorable counsell in his Sterre chambr at westm / for
the common welthe of his naturall subiectys bozne within this his realme by great
& delibérate aduys / it was demed / adiudged / & decreed / þe no strainger artifycer come
out of our sayd souerayn lord his obeyssaunce / inhabytyng within any cytie / borough /
o / any other place within this his realme of England / from hellsorth shuld kepe in his
o / they / house o / houses / any maner of straungers seruantes bozne out of his obeyssaunce
but onely. ii. seruants / straungers & no mo at one tyme. And also al e / ynguler straungers
þe the were o / after þe makinge of þe sayd decree shuld be made denyen / þe at the tyme o /
after the makinge thereof wolde inhabyte within þe cytie of London / suburbs o / within
.ii. myles compass of þe same / & kepe o / wolde kepe houses o / occupye they / craft shuld be
costrybutaryes to & with our said souerayn lord his subiects artifycers wthin þe said cyte
of London payng / beryng / o / susteynig / such charges as hereafter shalbe expressed / þe is
to say / þe all other straungers artifycers / denyens o / no denyens of euery handy craft /
o / mystry / inhabytyng aswell wthin þe cyte of London as in any other cyte / towne / bo
rough / o / byllage / within this his realme / shuld pay / bere & susteyne / al such & lyke char
ges as our said souerayn lord his subiects of lyke craft & mystry / do alwaye vnto pay
¶ And yf any of the refused o / denyed þe same o / any parte thereof / the he o / they / so de
nyng o / refusyng so to do / shuld nat any longer occupye any handy craft vnto þe paynes
damages / & penes / specified aswell in þe actis & statutes made in the. xlii. &. x. yeres
of the reygne of our now souerayn lord / as in our estatut made in þe first yere of þe reyg
ne of kynge Richard the. iii. And þe same straungers / denyens / o / no denyens househol
ders / whiche wolde remayn and abyde within our sayd souerayn lord his realme / shuld
vnto in full warnyng to them gyven by the mayster and wardens of vinters and son
dery mystryes / mencyned and specified in þe sayd decre within the sayde cyties and
townes

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toynes / present them selfe in the common hall or meetynge place of the sayde craftes / and there to receyue and take theyre othe / and be sworne vpon the holy Euangelyste befoze the mayster and wardens of theyre sayde crafte to be saythfull and trewe to the kynge our souerayne lord / and his heires kynges of Englande / and to be obedyent to hym and them and his and theyr lawes.

Also that no straunger artifycer or handy crafter man bozne out of our sayd souerayne lord his obeyssaunce / nat being denysen / whiche was nat a housholder the .xv. day of february about sayde / shulde nat sette by ne hepe any house / shoppe / shoppe / or chambur / wherein they shulde exerceise or occupye any handy crafte or mystrye / within this our sayd souerayne lord his realme / vpon payne to incurre and reme into suche penalties as be conteyned in the statutes befoze this tyme made and enacted as is aforesayde. And that none of the sayd straungers artifycers or handy craftes men bozne out of our sayd souerayne lord his obeyssaunce as well denysens as no denysens / shulde assemble in any company / felishyppe / congregacyon / or conuenticle / but only in the common hall of theyr craftes with our sayd souerayne lord his subiects / whiche be of the companies of theyr sayde crafte or craftes / at suche tyme as they shulde be commaunded and warned by the sayd mayster and wardens of theyr sayde crafte or craftes / and at none other place and tyme / or in any other manner / vpon the payne afoze expessed / as by the sayd decree shewd and exampled / and here vnto annexed vnder our sayd souerayne lord the kynge his great seale more playnly and at large it may and doth appere / that for þe common welthe abouesayde it may be enacted by the kynge our souerayne lord / the lordes spyrituall and temporell / and the commons in this present parlyament assembled / and by the auctorite of the same that the sayd orde and decre / had / gyven / and made by our sayd souerayne lord the kynge / his moost honorable counsell / and all and euery thyng therein conteyned / specified and declared / be holden and obserued tyme and stable / and duely to be put in execution / in euery point and article in manner and forme as is aboue reherfed / accordynge to the purposse effecte and trewe meanynge of the same.

Be it furthermore enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde / that the acte made in the parlyament begon at London the .xv. daye of Aprill / in the .xiii. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lord the kynge that now is / and from London adioyned to westm the laste daye of July / in the .xv. yere of the reygne of our sayd souerayne lord / concernyng straungers artifycers / for takynge of apprentices / iourneymen / and couenaunt seruauntes / and euery article and prouysons conteyned in the same acte / shall be frome henceforth put in due execution to the trewe intent / meanynge / and purposse of the same / as well within the cyte of London as in all other cytes / boroughes / and toynes corporat within this realme / and the same to endure perpetually / any thyng conteyned in the sayd acte or decre / to the contrary nat withstandinge.

Also wherby it is ordeyned that no artifycer aliaut / or straunger / bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce being a housholder or inhabytyng within any of þe vniuersytes of Oxforde / Caubyrg / or within the sentuary of saynt Martyn le graunt vthin þe cyte of London / shall fro henceforth haue or retayne in theyr seruyce iourneymen / or appretices / being aliaut / or straungers bozne / aboue þe nuber of .x. persons at one tyme / vnder payne of the penaltie conteyned in the sayd acte made in þe sayd .xiii. and .xv. yere of our sayd souerayne lord.

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The prouysions conteyned o; specyfyed in the same acte nat withstandyng.

The decre made in the Sterre chamber for artysyers straungers by the
kynges moost honorable counsell the. xx. day of february / in the
xx. yere of the reygne of our souerayn lord kyng
Henry the. viii.



Henricus octauus dei gratia Anglie et Francie rex / fidei defen
sor et dominus Hibernie / Omnibus ad quos presentes littere per
uenerint salutem / Insuperimus quoddam breue nostrum de Cer
tiorand Thome Elrot clerico consilij nostri direct / et in silacijs
Cancellar nostre resideri in her verba / Dilecto filio Thome Elrot
armigero clerico consilij nostri salutem / Volentes certis de cau
sis certiorare super tenore cuiusdam finalis decreti coram nobis
et consilio nostro habet de et super executione quorundam statu
torum et ordinationum contra alienigenas exercentes artes et artificia manualia inha
bitantes infra regnum nostrum Anglie edis et prouis tibi precipimus quod tenorem
finalis decreti predicti cum omnibus eam tangentibus nobis in Cancellar nostram sub
sigillo tuo distincte et aperte sine dilatione mittas et hoc breue Tunc ipso apud westm
riam. die Aprilis / Anno regni nostri vicesimo / Insuperimus etiam quoddam decretum
per nos et consilium nostrum apud westm in Camera Stellata editum et in silacijs
eiusdem Cancellar nostre similiter resideri in her verba.

Here of late our trewe and faythful subiectis / artysyers / and handy craftes
men / borne under our obeyssaunce / inhabytyng within our cytie of London
and the subarbes of the same / Exhyted vnto vs a lamentable byll of com
playnte / Conteynyng / that nat withstandyng many good and necessary
statutes and actes of parlyament haue ben edyfed / ordeyned / and made /
And especyall one in the fyrt yere of kyng Richard the thyrde. And the other beyng
made / in the yere of p reygne of our dereft father of noble memozy / Henry the. vii. Late
kyng of this our realme / and in the. xiiii. and. xv. yere of our reygne / Concernyng p
straungers artysyers / and handy craftes men borne out of our obeyssaunce / byng e
exercysyng handy craftes within this our realme of Englande / aswell for the restray
nyng of the excessyue nomb;e and vnrasonable behauoure of the same straungers
artysyers borne out of our obeyssaunce / which cōtynuall resorte & repayre into this our
sayd realme / dayly increased / to the great detrimēt of our owne naturall subiectes / ar
tysyers of p saide handy craftes & mystryes / And of other sondy inconuenyentes by oc
casyn p dyuers of p sayd subiectes for lacke of occupacyō / fall vnto vnelmes. As also for
p reformacyō of sondy dyscretes & fallshodes practysed by p sayd straungers artysyers
in theyr sayd handy craftes to the great damage & losse of vs & of all our sayd naturall
subiectes / The sayd straungers artysyers nothyng ponderyng o; bydyng the sayd
statutes / ne p penalties in p saide cōtyned & expresse / craue nat cōtemptuously / aswel
to abuse the sayd statutes / as moost parte entyerty to entryng & bryke the same. And
to accumulate fro tyme to tyme moze offences & enoyntes / aswel agayn our preroga
tyue as to the detrymēt of p comō welth of this our realme / and our lounge subiectes
of the

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of the same/for whan any serche shall be made in every handy crafte within any cite/town/o; borough/corpoiate/within our sayd realme by our subiects the sayd wardens & others/o;deyned by þ sayd last acte of of handy crafte men within any cite/town/o; borough/corpoiate/ And one housholder strainger boine out of our obeyssaunce inhabyting within our sayd cite/town/o; borough/corpoiate/vlyng any handy crafte/be he denyen o; nat denye/ The sayd strainger beyng a housholder as befoze is sayd/beyng lawfully warned & requyred therunto/acco;dyng to þ sayd acte/other wyll refuse to do his dutie therein/o; els he wyll grue secret warnyng therof to his bytherne of the sayd craftes/wherby they haue nat onely coueyed & hyd all they; vnlawful/vntreue/subtyl/& dysceitful wares which they vntreuly/subtely/vnsubstancially/and dysceitfully/haue made/& dayly make & vtter to our subiects/at excessyue & vnreasonable pryce to þ great detryment and damag; of our said subiectes/ But also they; seruantes & prytyes/they haue hydde fro þ knowlege of þ sayd wardens/whā any suche serche hath happened to be made/ And so they fraude þ same good & honorable estatute & acte/ So þ therof no lawfull punysshment could/ca; myght/o; may ensue/acco;dyng to þ tennure purpote/& effect of þ sayd statute/but they cōteynne/dyspyle & set at nought þ same/wherby & by þ other vnlawfull meanes afo;sayd and others subtyl; sending & coueyng ouer þ see barde/chese/powderyd beises/mortars and other conuoytes win this our realme / nat only within and out of þ sayd cyties/townes/and boroughes/corpoiat. But also with in and out of other places thoroughout our realme by the the said straingers practysed & executed/wherby they dayly increase in great rychesse and in great multytude in nō byes of straingers/handy crafty me boine out of our obeyssaunce. And whā they haue gathered moche rychesse and money/they agaynst our lawes couey the same money ouer the see. And thā they also go ouer the see into they; countreys / and there purchase the landes & tennementes with parte therof/and with the resydue of the same they lyue ther by/and sometimes they couerte parte therof to the vse of our ennys in those parties. And so aswell our poze subiects/ Cordowayners/and also our subiectes handy craftes me/boine within our obeyssaunce/by the meanes afo;sayd be soze impoueryshed/mynnyshed/and almost vtterly decayed & destroyed/ and many of the; lacke of occupacyd in the sayd handy craftes/be cōstrayned to lyue in ydelnesse by occasiō wherof they do continually fall to cheste/murder/ & other great offences / and cōsequently in great numbers be put to deathe by our lawes as we be informed. And also the great scarcyte of grayne and vytayle at this p̄sent tyme thoroughout this our realme to be the moze ensoyled/& caused by reason of great multytude & cōtynuall recours of the sayd straingers/handy craftes men/whiche consume a great porcion of corne and vytayle / growen and bydde within this our realme. The premysles consydered to the intent to be therof moze partytly and trewely instructed/for the charitable ycle that we haue to the common weale of our realme/and our sayde subiectes of the same. And for the quyetnesse of the sayd straingers/we haue assygard and gauen in commaundment to our lordes/and other of our counsell/indyscrently to examyne the premysles/and as well to here the sayde complayntes/as the sayd defendauntes/and they; allegauntes and saynges/of/in/and to the premysles/and to every parte therof/and the same by them harde/examyned/and by good delibérate aduysle vnderstanden to ordeyne/adudge and decree the same/after they; wysdomes and lernyng/wherupon as well the sayde byll of complaynte/the answer of the sayd defendauntes therunto made/ the replecacion of the sayde complaynauntes / to the sayde answers also made. And all other

D.iii. allegauntes

9. 2nd & 3rd

allegreantes and saynges of bothe the sayd partyes/by mature and delyberate auyse
by our sayde counsell repelye/eraynyed/harde/and vnderstande.

It is ordeyned/adiuged/and decreed/the .xx. day of february/in this present terme
of saynt Hilary/in the .xx. yere of our reygne/in our Sterred chambye by the moost re
uerent father in god Thomas loyde Cardynall legate de latere/of the apostolyque see
Archepyschop of yorke/prymate and chauncelloure of Englande/ and by our nobles
and others of our sayde counsell/ and by the mutuall assentes of the complaynautes
and defendautes than there beyng/ in maner and forme folowyng. That is to say
that accordyng to the acte of parlyament made the sayde. xiii. and. xv. yere of our
reygne/ that no straunger artyficer bozne out of our obersaunce/ inhabytyng with
in any cyte/towne/o: borough/o: any other place within this our realme of England
frome thensforth/ shall kepe in his o: theyr house o: houses/ any maner of seruautes
straungers bozne out of our obersaunce/ but onely two straungers seruautes/ and
no more at one tyme. And that as many of the straungers/ artyficers now inhaby
tyng within any cyte/towne/o: borough corporate/ o: in any other place within our
realme/ that wyll be apprentyses o: seruautes to o: with any of our subiectys artyf
icers bozne within our obersaunce exercysyng nebe o: olde stufte/inhabytyng with
in our realme/ shall be suffred so to abyde and dwell with them/ without interrupcyon
as long as they wyll so contynue and abyde with them/ and can agree together.

And furthermore it is decreed that it shall be lesull/to all and euery of the sayd strai
gers artyficers now beyng householders within our sayde realme/ to take as many
of our subiectes bozne within our obersaunce/to be theyr seruautes o: apprentyses
in the crafte/ that they do exercyse as they can lawfully gette. And that all the strai
gers artyficers now beyng householders within oure sayde cyte of London/ subur
bes/paryshes/ o: compas therof/ expessed in the sayde statutes/ o: within .ii. myles
compas of the sayde paryshes. And also all and synguler straungers that now be/
o: hereafter shall be made denysens/ that do o: hereafter wyll inhabyte within oure
sayde cyte of London/ suburbs/ o: paryshes aforesayde/ o: within two myles
compas of the same/ and kepe houses and occupye theyr crafte/ shall be contributo
rye to and with our subiectes artyficers within our cyte of London/ payenge/ be
ryng/ and sustaynyng suche charges as hereafter shall be expessed. That is to say
as well euery of the sayde straungers beyng of the crafte and mysterye of Cordway
ners/ householders/ o: denysens that now be/ o: here after shall be made denysens/
and shall inhabyte within our sayde cyte/suburbs/paryshes/o: two myles compas
of the same/ shall quarterly paye to the sayde mayster/ wardens/ and comunaltie of
the sayde crafte of Cordwayners within our sayde cyte of London for the tyme be
yng. vi. s. And euery seruaunt straunger of the sayde occupacyon of the sayde Cor
dwayners within the sayd cyte/suburbs/ and paryshes/ nat beyng denysen/ shall
quarterly paye to the sayde mayster wardens and comunaltie. iii. s. And that
all other straungers artyficers and denysens of euery handye crafte and myste
rye/ inhabytyng as well within oure sayde cyte of London/ as in any other cyte
o: towne within this oure realme/ shall paye/ bere/ and sustayne all suche and lyke
charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and mysterye bozne out of our obersaunce/in
habytyng within the cyte/borough/towne/of theyr inhabytacyon at this tyme/do
bere/ and sustayne. And also all straungers artyficers/ and denysens exercysyng
the crafte

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the crafte and myfterye of Coide wayners dwelling out of our fayde cite of London in any other cite or towne within this our realme / shall paye / bere / and sustayne / scotte / taxes / tallages / subtydies / prestes / and all other reasonable exaccyons fro tyme to tyme / accordyng as the forsayde maysters / wardens / and compaynes of the sayde craftes for the tyme beyng / shall be bounden to pay / bere and sustayne / whan any subtydye / taxe / tallage / or prest / or other reasonable charges shall by the Mayre and aldermen of our sayd cite of London / and the Mayres and aldermen of our sayd other cyties and townes / or by the comon counsell of the sayd cite / cyties / and townes / of and for any charges or paymetes of money to be payde by the compaynes of the sayd craftes cytyzens of any cite / for any payment to be made vnto the kynges highnesse / of his heires / or els to be payde for any cause concernyng the comen welth of any our sayde cyties or townes / or comen welth of the sayd actyfycers / the sayd straungers shall pay all the same / that they shall be assessed or taxed to pay / as contrybutores with the sayd compaynes / beyng our subiectes / as our sayde subiectes shall be assessed and taxed to paye. And yf any of the denye or refuse the same / or any parte therof / than he or they be iuenge and refusyng so to do / shall nat onely lose the benefyte of this decree / but also shall nat any longer occupye any handy crafte / vnder the paynes / daungers / and perils specyfied in the aboue remembred actes and statutes.

¶ And yf aswell all and euery of the sayd householders straungers aforesayd / as all other straungers actyfycers / made or to be made denysens / shall be householders / and inhabyte and occupye any crafte within our sayde cite / subarbes / or .ii. myle compas of the same as long as they shall remayne and abyde within the sayde cite / subarbes / .ii. myles compas of the same / beyng reasonably requyred and warned by the wardens or other persones gouernours in any cite / town / or borow / corporat of the sayd crafte within any of our sayd cyties or townes corporate / or by any of the for the tyme beyng or by the sayd lawfull deputies or deputie / shall go with the sayde wardens or other gouernours there as mo wardens be / to make serche accordyng to the aboue remembred actes of parliament made in the .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reygne / whych yf they refuse to do and that proued before the Chauncellour of Englande / or before the Mayre of London / and other cyties / before the chiefe persones of the sayde cyties or townes / for the tyme beyng. That then the same householders or household / so offendyng / denyng or refusyng the same / shall nolenger the same his occupacyd exercyse or vse within this our realme / vnder payne / perill / and danger expessed in the aforesayd remembred actes and statutes. And the same straungers actyfycers / denysens or nat denysens householders / which wyll remayne and abyde within our sayd realme / shall vnder lawfull notyce them gyven by the mayster and wardens of the sayd crafte / or one of them personally present them selues in the comen hall or meetyng place of the sayd craftes / within our sayd cyties and townes / there as they be inhabytyng. And than and there euery of them to receyue and take the othe / to be sworne vpon the holy Euangelyst / before the mayster and wardens of the sayd crafte and myfterye / within our sayd cyties and townes corporate / to be saythful and true to vs and our heires kynges of England / And to be obedyent to vs and them and our and theire lawes / and to all actes / ordynaunces / and decrees / made and confyned by vs and oure counsell / or by our counsell / and dewely and trewely at all tymes whan they shall be appoynted by the wardens of the sayd selyfhypp / crafte / or myfterye / for the tyme beyng / or theire deputies to make serche
with

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With them accordyng to the purport tenor oꝝ effect of an estatut & acte of parlyament made in the. xlii. & .xv. yere of our reygne/and haue warnyngs & inowynon therof by the sayd wardeyns/oꝝ any of them/oꝝ any other theyꝝ sufficient deputye oꝝ deputies in þ̄ behalfe to them made and gauen/ And that they shall be redy to go with the sayde wardeyns to make the same serche. And that they shall not geue notice to any straunger of the sayd serche/ vntyl they with the sayd wardens come together to make þ̄ sayd serche/and that they shall well/ indifferently/and trewly/behauē the in the same. Set all affectyō/sauour/malyce/and dyede of any creature/and all fraude & desceyt aparte. So helpe them god and all sayntes/ & by the holy Euangelyst. And theyꝝ othe so receyued in forme aforesayd/the sayd straungers shall pay for theyꝝ admysyon/accoꝝdyng as our sayd subiectys haue alway bled to pay. ¶ It is also further decreed that no straunger artyficer/oꝝ handy craftes man/come out of our obeyssaunce/nat beyng denylyn which at þ̄ day of the making of this decre is not a housholder within this our realme. oꝝ kepeth any shoppe/oꝝ shoppes within the sayd cytie and subarbes/oꝝ any other cytie towne/oꝝ borough/within this oure realme/shall frome that day forwarde/set vp oꝝ kepe any house/shoppe/oꝝ chaber/within our cytie of London/subarbes/oꝝ parishes befoꝝe reherfed/oꝝ within any other cytie/towne/borough/oꝝ byllage/whithin this our realme/wherin he shall exercise and practyse any handy crafte/oꝝ mystery/vpon payne to incurre and ren in such penaltys/as be conteyned in the statutes befoꝝe this tyme made and enacted.

¶ And þ̄ none of þ̄ sayd straungers/artificers/oꝝ handy crafte men come out of our obeyssaunce/as well denyssens as other shall assemble in any company/selyshyp/cōgregacyon/oꝝ conuentyde/ but onely in the cōmon hal of theyꝝ craftes/with our subiectys/whiche be of the company of theyꝝ sayd crafte/oꝝ craftes/at such tyme as they shall be cōmaunded and warned by the mayster and wardens of the sayde crafte/oꝝ craftes/and at none other place and tyme/oꝝ in any other maner vpp̄ payne afoꝝe expelld. ¶ Provyded alway that this decree & euery parte thereof cōcernyng the craft and mysterye of Cordwayners shall extēde aswell to them that woꝝke olde stuffe as newe/within our cytie of London/the subarbes of the same/oꝝ in any other cytie/town/borough/oꝝ byllage/within this our realme of Englande. ¶ Provyded also that nat withstanding any woꝝdes comprysed in this decree/the straungers/artificers/denyssens/oꝝ nat denyssens/inhabytyng in the vniversityes of Oxenforde/and Cambrige/and within the sentuary of saynt martyns le graūt within the cytie of London/shall enioy all the benefytes and aduantages reserued vnto the by reason of any prouydon made by acte of parlyament expelld in the statute made in the. xlii. and. xv. yere of our reygne. So þ̄ the sayd straungers denyssens/oꝝ nat denyssens/inhabytyng within the sayd sentuary of saynt Martyns le graunt/be cōformable to such dyreccon & order as shall be taken by þ̄ reuerent father in god Luthbert byshop of London/ly Richard Broke knyght chiefe baron of our elchequer/ly John Hoxe knyght one of the iustices of our bench/ly John Danner/ & ly John Blyn knyght/to whom we haue of late dyrected our letters patentes/and by the same gauen them power & auctorite/ & cōmaūdyng them & euery of the to cause the house of euery straunger & denyssen artyficer/inhabytyng & dwelling wthin þ̄ sayd sentuary to be serched & vyewed/hōw many seruaunts he/oꝝ they kepe come out of our obeyssaunce/ & they beynge all vyewed and sent/thō to appoynte to euery of the sayd straungers householders/inhabytyng within the sayd sentuary by them in forme afoꝝe sayde to be cōfyꝝd/to be within the bondes and lymyttes of the same by theyꝝ

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sayd sentwary such number of seruantes/straungers borne out of our obeyesance/ as they by theyr bysnesses shall thynke conuenient a susteyner/ & nat to be any detryment vnto our subiect/ inhabytantes within our sayd cytie. ¶ And commaunding in our name all an euery p sayd Banishers/ denyers/ householders p theyr banishment do nat hepe within theyr houses or in any other house/ shoppe or chambre/ within our sayd cytie of London/ or p suburbs of the same/ any mo seruantes beyng borne out of our obeyesance thal shalbe to the at the tyme by them appoynted/ as they will auoyde the daunger & penalte of our lawes/ & what they haue done in p pmisses p theyr do certifie to vs and to our counsell in to our sterre chamber at westm at p. xv. day of Ester next coming. In wittenesse wherof we wyl aswell the sayd decrees as all other the pmisses shalbe cempeltyd vnder our seale. Nos autē tenore breuiss et decreti pdict ad requisitionē magistrī et gardianorū artis siue misterie aulutariorū siue Cordewayners Ls don dudanus exemplificand per presentes/ In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes/ Certe me ipso apud westm vicesimo die Aprilis. Anno regni nri vicesimo.

An acte for the adnullynge of the letters patentes made to the cytie of yorke/ concerning shyping of wolles. Cap. xvii.

Where as the kynge our souereyne lord vpo sayned suggestyō surmyssed to his myghtnes to haue ben for thaduancement of his aliciet cytie of yorke/ by his letters patentes graunted vnto the Mayre/ & cytelens of the same cyte of yorke/ to shyppe/ couey/ transport/ & carry vnto the porte of hull in the countie of yorke/ wolles/ & felles/ of the growyng of dyuers places in the sayd countie expresse/ as in p sayd letters patentes may appere/ the tenure wherof hereafter ensueth. ¶ Henry the. viii. by p grace of god kynge of Englande & of Fraunce/ defender of p sayth/ & lord of Irelande/ to all & euery our Justices/ Mayres/ Sheryffes/ baylyffes/ customers/ controllors/ constables/ and all other our iuges & subiectes/ as well within the lybertyes as without/ gretyng/ know you p we of our espyrall grace/ mere moeyon and lyberalte/ hauyng a tender zeale & loue to the encrease/ auancement/ & amēdemēt/ of our auncyēt cytie of yorke/ haue grue & graunted/ & by these pscntes grue & graunt for vs and our heyres as moch as in vs is/ vnto our louyng and humble subiectes/ p Mayre & cytelens of p sayd cyte/ & to euery of them & to theyr heyres and successours/ & to the heyres & successours of euery of them/ as longe as they inhabyte and dwell within our sayd cyte & be free of the same/ free lyberte & lycece from banishment from tyme to tyme/ to shyppe/ couey/ transport/ & carry/ vnto our porte of Hull/ in our countie of yorke/ and from thence to all forreyn contreys & regions at theyr pleasure by the selles/ theyr apprentyes/ iourneymen & factours to theyr owne vse onely/ All suche wolles & felles whiche any of the sayd cytelens inhabytet in our sayd cyte/ and beyng free therof by theyr featours & polyces of marchandise or other wyse/ may laufully attayne & come by of the sayd breed/ fallynge growyng/ and increasyng/ within the tynntes & places of Houdenshyr/ Marchelad the honour of Mountfret/ Oley/ the forest of Amnesburgh/ Rychemonde shyre/ Cleslande/ the forest of Gouters/ Gloucestre/ and yorke wolde/ or in any of the in our sayd countie of yorke/ without any daunger/ payne/ trouble/ or damage/ of any of the sayd cytelens/ theyr heyres/ or successours/ or losse/ ceasure of sojournure of any of the sayd wolles or felles/ any of them/ or any payne/ punishment/ or penalte/ for the/ or any

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of them to be had/done/ or attempted for/ or by vs or our heyres/ or by any of our mynys-
 ters or subiectes in our name or to our vse/ or to the vse of our heyres/ by vertue of
 any acte/ vse/ ordynance/ or statute/ here tofore made agaynst any of þ sayd cytelens/
 theyr heyres/ or successours/ and without any toll/ charge/ or imposts/ to be had per-
 ceuyed and taken to our vse/ or to the vse of our heyres/ of any of the sayd cytelens for
 the sayde wolles and felles/ or any of them/ other than suche lyke custome and subside
 as the inhabytauntes of our towne of Newcastle for wolles and felles by them shyp-
 ped and transported to foreyn countreys shal commonly to pay/ Any acte or ordynance
 here tofore made or to be made to the contrary nat withstandinge. whiche custome &
 subside shall be contented to our vse from tyme to tyme by our sayd cytelens to our
 custome of the sayde port of Hull/ for the tyme beyng. And moze ouer we of oure
 especyall grace by these presentes graunt vnto the sayd Maye and cytelens that these
 our present letters of licence/ shall be to the sayd Maye and cytelens/ ent. to euery
 of them/ to theyr heyres and successours/ and to theyr heyres and successours of
 euery of them at all tymes hereafter good and auaylable for euer agaynst vs and our
 heyres/ in/ and for the premisses/ and for euery of them accordyng to the tenure therof
 in euery behalfe without any restraynt/ repeale/ dynynnyon/ or reuocation/ hereafter
 to be had or made therof/ or of any parte of the same. All be it there be no expresse men-
 cyon of the very value and certaynte of the premisses in these oure letters specyfyed/
 Any acte or ordynance here tofore made/ or to be made/ to the contrary nat withstan-
 dyng. And the sayd Maye and cytelens shall haue these our present letters of licence
 vnder our great scale without any fyne or fee to our vse in our hamper therof to be
 payde/ and without any forther warrant to be oþtyned of vs to be dyrected to any of
 our mynysers and officers in that behalfe. In wytnesse wherof we haue caused these
 our letters patentes to be sealed with our great scale at Hampton court/ the xxii. day
 of August/ the. xv. yere of our reygne. Wythen the whiche letters patentes/ the sayde
 cytie is therby nothyng helped ne increased accordyng to the sayde surmyse/ nor the
 commonalte therof in any thyng therby increased or auauised/ but suche profyte as
 dyd growe by reason of the sayd letters patentes came to the handes of. iii. or. iiii. per-
 sons there onely/ contrary to the entent and meanynge of our sayd souerayne lordes/
 by reason wherof our sayde souerayne lordes bathe sustayned and dayly both sustayne
 great losses in his customes/ of wolles and felles/ and the clotheers there lacke the wol-
 les wherwith they vsted to make cloth within the sayd countre/ whiche in length shuld
 nat onely growe to the hurt of all the kynges poze subiectes that be occupied with ma-
 kyng of clothe in those partyes/ but also to the kynges dysinherytaunce and mynysh-
 mynge of his sayd customes/ yf it were continued.

¶ In consyderacyon wherof be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lordes/ by the ad-
 uyse of the lordes spyrytuall and temporal/ and the commons in this present parlyament
 assembledd/ & by the assent & auctorite of the same/ that the sayde letters patentes and
 euery thyng therein conteyned/ be from henceforth adnulled/ repelled/ and boide and of
 none effyte. And that the sayd Maye and cytelens/ nor theyr heyres nor successours/
 shall nat haue ne take from henceforth any auantage/ profyte or comodite by reason
 of the same lettres patentes/ or of any licence and graunt/ or any other thyng therein
 conteyned in any wyse. ¶ Þowred alway & be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd/
 þ no cytelens or inhabytauntes within the sayd cyte which before þ last day of this present
 parlyament haue shypped/ coueyed/ or carped any wolles or felles into the sayd port of
 Hull by

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shall by vertue and auctorite of the hynge sayd letters patentes be charged in reas-
onable unto the hynge byghnes for / or with more payment / charge / or imployment /
for the sayd wolle or felles / or any of the / other than with such lyde customes & subse-
dye as the inhabytauntes of the towne of Newcastle / for wolle and felles by them
shipped & transported / byn customly to paye / according as is afore recheved in the let-
ters patentes. And no farther ne otherwys / any imployment / or other charge / or im-
ter / had / made / or hereafter to be made / or had in the hynge eschequer / or otherwys
for the same to the contrary not withstanding.

An acte concernynge Newcastle upon Tyne and the porte and ha-
uon there vnto belongynge. En. xviii.

Dumbly shewen to your byghnesse your trewe and faythfull subiectes / Maye
burgesses and commons of your towne of Newcastle upon Tyne / that wher
your grace & your most noble progenytours hynge of England / tyne out of mynde
haue ben seales of the sayde towne / and of the portes and haue of the ryuer of Tyne
therunto belongynge / and of all grounde with water couered within the sayd ryuer of
Tyne / frome one place in the mouth of the sayd ryuer / called the spathawe / to one
other place in the same ryuer called / H. Wynnstrems in theyr demeane / as of fee / in
ryght of theyr crowne of Englande / and as parcell of the same. And buryng al the said
tyne all maner of person or persons / as well free men as straungers and denysens / ap-
plyenge or comynge into the sayde porte / haue / and ryuer / from any parties of be-
yonde the see / or of this realme of Englande with shippes / or other vessels / charged /
or laden / with any maner of wares or marchaundyses / or shippynge chargynge / or la-
dyng / any shippes or vessels / with any kynde of marchaundyses / to be conueyed out
of this sayd porte and haue / to any partes of this realme of Englande / or elles wher
out of this sayd realme / haue alwayes buryng all the sayd tyne / bled to charge / & dys-
charge / lode / and unlode / theyr sayde goodes / wares / and marchaundyses / at the sayde
towne of Newcastle / and no wher elles within the sayd porte and haue / and there
haue alwayes payed to your sayd byghnes and your sayde most noble progenytours
all customes / subseidyes / tolles / and other thynges due for the same / amountynge yere-
ly to the soume of fyue hundred poundes and aboue : wherof your noble progeny-
tours / your byghnesse / and your assignes / haue ben hitherto duely and trewely an-
swered and payed / as in your eschequer more ample and at large dothe appere . The
which your towne of Newcastle is as wel in tyne of warres as of peas / the chefe keye /
relyef / and defence of all the parties of this your realme therevnto adioynnge . And
by reason of the sayd libertyes and franchises / your sayd towne hath ben this tyne
well replenished and maintained . In so moche as the inhabytauntes of your sayde
towne of late dayes haue ben able to serue your byghnes in your warres with .iii. C.
myniers or mo / apte and able persones for that purpose / tyll now of late that dyuers
gret personages as well sperrytuali as temporal haunng landes adioynnge to the
sayd porte and ryuer betwene the sayde towne of Newcastle / and the see apte and ea-
sy for chargynge and dyschargynge of shippes and marchaundyses / haue charged and
dyscharged / loded / and unloded dyuers shippes and marchaundyses within the sayde
porte and haue at the sayd places / nat payenge therfor any customes or other de-
wtys to your byghnes / by meane wherof your sayd towne is lybely to come to better de-
cay and ruine / And the inhabytauntes of the same to refuse and reynquyshe & sayd
towne / & to repayre & refoyte to & sayd places to & the great dyscheryson of your byghnes
E.ii. and

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and mynyshment of your customes/subsidies & duties & profits/customably payd at your town & port aforesaid. And also wher dyuers wayes and fyllegat^{es} of late tyme have be made/erected/tyred & set in þ said port & ryuer of tyme betwene your sayd town and the hye see/by dyuers persons hauyng great landes & tenementes adioynyng to þ sayd ryuer/most specially within the byshoppryke of Durham wher your gracy^{es} wyttes dothe nat come & wher your charytyons out of your court of Chauncery or other your courtes/ do nat take any effecte/ by meane wherof great lande beddes & grauell beddes be growen & cast vp in the said ryuer & port/so that within fewe yeres to come no shyp of good burden or wright shalbe able to come or resorte to your sayd towne/to the inestimable hurte of the countreys therunto adioynyng / and to the great damage of this your realme/specially to all persons nebyng seer coles/whiche be onely conueyed from the sayd porte of Newcastle/ and in no wher elles/had or to be shippyd within this your realme. ¶ In consyderacyon wherof it may please your hyghnes of your most habundaunt grace with the assent of your lordes spyrituall & tēporall / & the chunche of this present parlyament assembled/and by the auctorite of the same/to enacte/ordeyn & establishe/ þ from henceforth any marchant or marchauntes/or any other person or persons/shal nat shyp/lode/or unlode/change/or dyscharge any maner of goodes/wares or marchaundyses/to be solde here within this your realme or elles wher/in to/or from any shyppe or shyppes/or other vessels/in or at any place or places within þ sayd porte/ryuer/and haue betwene the sayd place called the sparhawke/and the sayd place called hedwylstreynes/but onely at the sayd towne of Newcastle/& no wher els/vpō payne of forfeyture of all suche goodes/wares & marchaundyses/to þ kyng our sayd souerayne lord/ & to his heyres kynges of Englande/& þ it shal be lesfull vnto þ Maye/burgeles & cōmynalte of þ sayd town of Newcastle & theyr successours/& all other the kyngs officers there for tyme beyng/for to take & sease all the said such forfeyt goodes/wares & marchaundyses to þ vse of our souerayne lord þ kyng/& of his heyres & the value therof to be answered in his eschequer. ¶ Be it also enacted/ordeyned/ & establisshed by þ auctorite aforesaid/þ every owner/fermer or occupper of þ sayd wayes/gores & engynnes/& every of þ same do abate/put down/& put away þ same wayes/gores & engynnes/on this hyde þ feest of Ester next comyng. And þ no maner pson or persons fro henceforth/acre/leuey/or make any maner waye/gore & engyn/in þ sayd haue betwene þ sayd places called sparhawke & hedwylstreynes/ vpon payne of. All. of laifull engyllysh money for every tyme they do þ contrary/wherof þ one halfe shalbe to our souerayn lord þ kyng/& þ other half to hym or the þ will sue therfore by acryd of det/byll/playnt/or informaciō in any of þ kynges courtes/wherin þ partye defendanit shal nat wage his lawe/no; in þ accyon/any essayn/tyccent/ne protectyon be alowed. ¶ And forther it shalbe laifull at all tymes after þ feest of whysontyde next comyng to the Maye/burgeles & cōmynalte of þ sayd towne of Newcastle & theyr successours to abate/plucke downe/and take away all and every of þ sayd wayes/gores/and engynnes þ shalbe than founde standyng in any place within the sayd porte & haue betwene þ sayd place of sparhawke and hedwylstreynes/and that hereafter shalbe newly made/leueyed/and altered/any wher within the same/ without trouble/lette/or vexacyon/of any maner person or persons by sute in the lawe or otherwys. ¶ Prōvyded alwaye that this acte be nat prejudyciall or hurtfull to any person or persons beyng the kynges subiectes/for beyng/shyppynge/ lodyng/or unlodyng of any salte or fyllhe within the sayd ryuer and porte/or to any of them/or any other person or

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person or persons repairing to the said port, as shippes & marchāndyses for selling or
bryng of any wares or marchāndyses nedfull for the bytelling and amending of
theyr sayd shippes at the tyme of theyr there beynge within the sayd port. This acte
or any thyng compryised in the same nat withstandinge.

¶ An acte concernynge auowryes.

Cap. xix.



Where as well the noble men of this realme as byuers other persons/
by synes, recouerys, grauntes, & secrete seoffmentes, & leases/
make by theyr tenantes, to persons unknownen of the landes &
tenementes holden of them, haue ben put from the knowlege of theyr
tenantes, vpon whom they shulde by order of the lawe make theyr
auowryes for theyr rentes, customes, & seruyces, to theyr great
losse and hynderaunces. ¶ Be it therfore enacted, established,

& ordeyned, by auctorite of this present parliament, that where so euer an y maner lādes
tenentes, or other hereditamentes, be holden of any maner person or persons, by rentes, cu
stomes, or seruyces that yf the lord of whome any suche maner landes, tenentes, or
hereditamentes be so holden, distrayne vpon the same maners landes or tenentes for
any suche rentes, customes, or seruyces, and repleyne therof be sued, the lord of
whome the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes so holden may auowe or his
baylyff or seruant make complaunce or iustifye for takynge of the sayd distresses vpon the
same lādes, tenementes, or hereditamentes so holden, as the lādes or tenentes within his
fee or sergnynte, & legynge in the sayde auowrye, complaunce, & iustification, the same
maners landes & tenementes, to be holden of hym without namynge of any person
certaine to be tenantes of the same, & without makynge any auowrye, iustification, or
complaunce vpon any person certaine. And lykewyse the lord, baylyff, or seruant, to
make auowrye, iustification, or complaunce in lyke maner & forme vpon euery wytte
sued of seconde deliuerance. ¶ And also be it enacted by the sayd auctorite, that euery
auowant & euery other person or persons that make any suche auowrye, iustification
or complaunce, as baylyff, or seruant, to any person or persons in any replegiare or se
conde deliuerance for rentes, customes, seruyces, or for damage feisant, or other
rent or rentes, vpon any distress taken in any lādes or tenentes. If the same auowrye
complaunce, or iustification, be founde for them, or the playntiffes in the same be
none lute or otherwys barred, that than they shall recouer theyr damages & costes
agaynst the sayd playntiffes, as the same playntiffes shulde haue done or had yf they
had recouered in the replegiare or seconde deliuerance founde agaynst the sayd defendauntes.
¶ And be it also ordeyned, that the sayd playntiffes & defendauntes in the sayd wyttes
of replegiare, or wyttes of seconde deliuerance, & in euery of them, shall haue lyke
plees & lyke ayde & prayers in all suche auowryes, complaunces, & iustifications, (whe
ther of dyclaracion only except) as they myght haue had before the makynge of this acte.
And as though the sayd auowrye, complaunce, or iustification had ben made after the
orde of the comon lawe. ¶ And it is so ther enacted by the sayd auctorite that
all suche persons as by the order of the comon lawe may lawfully forne to the playntiffes
or defendauntes in the sayd wyttes of replegiare or seconde deliuerance as well
without proceffe as by proceffe, shall from henceforth forne vnto the sayd playntiffes
or defendauntes, as well without proceffe or by proceffe, and to haue lyke plees and
lyke auantages in all thynges (whe ther of dyclaracion only except) as they myght haue done
by the order of the comon lawe before the makynge of this acte.

Cap. iii.

¶ An acte

Anno. xxi. Henrici octavi.

¶ In acte that the president of the kynges counsell shall be associate with
the Chauncellour and Tresourer of Englande and the
keeper of the kynges pryue seale. Cap. xx.

Where at a parliament holden at westmynster in the thyrde yere of the reygne
of our late most dyed souerayne lord kyng Henry the. vii. for as moche as by
the vnlawfull mayntenaunces / gruyng of lytters / signes / tokens / & certayn
ders / by endetures / promyses / othes / wrytynges / or otherwise / enbryceres of his
subiectes / vntrewe demaundyng of sherryffes / in makynge of panels / & other vntrewe
returmes / by takynge of money / by Iuries & great crottes & vnlawfull assises / &
polery and good rule of this realme was almost subdued. And for the punysshment of
these inconuenientes by occasyon of p. promyses nothyng or lytell myght be founde
by enquiry / wherby p. lawes of p. lades i execution myght take lytell effecte / which
was to the increase of murders / robberies / giurtes / & vniuersities of all men lyuyng /
& losses of theyr lades & goodes / to the great dyspleasure of almyghty god / For refoz-
macyon of which premysles it was ordeyned & enacted by auctorite of the sayd par-
lament amongst other thynges p. the chaunceller & tresorer of Englande for p. tyme
berynge & the keeper of p. kynges pryue seale / or two of them / callynge to them a byshop
& a tempozall lord of p. kynges most honozable counsell. And p. ii. chiefe Justices of
p. kynges benche & the comon place of p. tyme berynge / or other. ii. Justices in theyr ab-
sences / vpon byll or infozmacyon / put to p. sayd chaunceller for p. kyng / or any other
agaynst any person for any myschaupnge alsoe reherled / shoulde haue auctorite to
call befoze the by wryt or by pryue seale p. sayd mysdoers. And they & other by theyr
discretioun by whome p. trouthe myght be knowen to examyn. And suche as they shoulde
fynde defectiue to punyssh them after theyr demerites / after p. forme & effecte of sta-
tutes therof made / in lyke maner & forme as they shoulde & ought to be punysshed yf
they were therof corrupte after p. due order of p. lawe / as by p. same statute amongst
other thynges nowe playnly dothe appere. Nevertheless in p. same good & profyta-
ble estatute p. president of the kynges most honozable counsell for p. tyme berynge at-
tendynge vpon his moost noble & copall person is ampted / & nat named in p. sayde
former statutes made in p. thyrde yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the. vii. to be one
of the sayd persons that shoulde haue auctorite to call befoze them suche mysdoers so
offendynge the kynges lawes / in any of the premysles / as is befoze reherled.

¶ Be it therfore nowe by p. auctorite of this present parliament / ordeyned & enacted
that from henceforth the Chaunceller / Tresourer of Englande / & the president of p.
kynges most honozable counsell attendynge vpon his most honozable person for p.
tyme berynge / & keeper of p. kynges pryue seale or two of them callynge vnto them one
byshop / & one tempozall lord of the kynges most honozable counsell. And p. ii. chiefe
Justices of the kynges benche & p. comon place for the tyme berynge / or other. ii. of p.
kynges justices in theyr absence vpon any byll or infozmacyon hereafter to be put
in / The chaunceller of Englande / tresourer / president of the kynges sayd most ho-
norable counsell or keeper of p. kynges pryue seale for p. tyme berynge / for any mys-
chaupng befoze reherled / from henceforth haue full power & auctorite to call befoze
them by wryt or pryue seale suche mysdoers / and them & other by theyr discretioun
by whome the trouthe may be knowen to examyn. And suche as they shall fynde de-
fectiue / to punyssh them after theyr demerites / After the forme & effecte of the sayd
former estatute & of al other estatutes therof tofoze made / & nat repelled nor expyre
in lyke m^r

Anno. rxi. Henrici octau:

In lyke maner and forme as they shulde & ought to be punysshed yf they were therof conuicted after the due order of þynges lawes. And also be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that þe president of the kynges sayd most honorable counsell for the tyme beyng/ yf he be than present/ maye be at all tymes hereafter associate with the Chaunceller/ Treasourer of Englande/ & keper of þe kynges pryue seale for the tyme beyng/ aswell at þe namynge of sheryffes & lettynges of pryues of wyynes & at al other actes lympytted & appoynted by any statute to be done by þe said Chaunceller & Treasourer/ or keper of the kynges pryue seale for the tyme beyng. Inp acte/ statute/ or yle/ here tofore made or vied to þe contrarie nat withstanding.

In acte for permyth concernynge makynge of woystedes. Cap. xxi.



Where at a parliament holden at Lodon the .xv. day of Aprill in þe .xiii. yere of our souerayne lord be the kyng that now is/ and from thens adiourned to westmynster the last day of July/ in þe .xv. yere of our sayd souerayne lord & there ended. It was ordeyned/ enacted & establisshed/ that the craftes men called woystede weuers/ inhabyted in the towne of great permyth shulde haue power and auctorite by that acte/ from thens forwarde to electe & chosse yerely for ever on the monday next after the feest of Penthecost/ one honest man of the mystery & occupacion of woystede weuers/ beyng an housholder within þe sayd towne of great permyth/ and hauynge of his propre goodes and cattelles to the value of .x. li. at the least/ or landes & teneimentes to his owne vse of estate of free holde at the least to the clere yerely value of .xx. s. to be wardeyne of the same craft and mystery of woystede weuers for the yere next ensuyng/ which man so elected & chossen shulde personally appere before the mayre of the cite of Roiswiche for the tyme beyng/ the monday next after the feest of Corpus christi than next ensuyng/ than and there to be swoyne and charged by lyke othe concernynge the trewe & substancyall makynge of woystedes/ lapes/ and stampys/ within the sayd towne of great permyth/ as þe fourte wardeynes of the sayd cite of Roiswiche by vertue of an acte of parliament made in the .vii. yere of kyng Edwards the fourthe/ were charged & swoyne for the same cite of Roiswiche/ and yf the sayd mayre happened to be absent the sayd monday next after Corpus christi/ or els thā refused to receyue or take þe sayd othe. Than the sayd wardeyn to electe within .iiii. dayes next after the same monday/ shulde come before þe bayliffes of þe sayd towne of great permyth for the tyme beyng/ or before one of them/ yf other beyng absent. And than and there/ receyue a coypo: all othe for the trewe exerceyng of the same office of wardenship/ after the tenour of þe othe accustomedly vied to be givē to the sayd wardeyns of the sayd cite of Roiswiche. And than the sayd wardeyn of þe sayd towne of great permyth for þe tyme beyng to electe and swoyne/ myght ordeyne & appoynt a seale with this letter. p. to be grauen in the same seale/ & myght haue full power & auctorite to bynde/ seche/ seale/ and seale in leade with the same seale so to be appoynted and engrauen/ & none other/ all woystedes/ lapes/ & stampys/ within the sayd towne of permyth & subarbes of þe same made/ or to be made/ & not els where/ in a large & ample maner as þe sayd wardeyns of þe sayd cite of Roiswiche & the wardeyns of þe countre of Roiswiche/ or any of them had within þe sayd cite or countre/ or in any wyse may do in that behalf by auctorite or

C.iii.

vertue of

Anno. xxi. Henrici octavi.

vertue of the afore remembred acte made in þe sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde þe. iiii.
 Any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary nat withstandyng. And þe no
 person inhabytred within þe sayd towne of great yermouth or subarbes therof shulde
 weue any woostedes/ sayes/ or stampys/ within þe same towne/ except he be an en-
 gylthe man bozne/ & had ben apprentyce to þe sayd occupacyon/ & without he weued
 there suche propre marches as shulde be lymptted & appoynted by þe sayd wardeyne of
 the sayd towne for the tyme beyng electe & swozne as is aforesayde/ upon payne of
 forfeyture therof to þe kyng our souerayne lord. And þe every wardeyn of þe sayd towne
 shulde lympt/ dyssyncte & severall marches to every of þe sayd woostede weuers of þe sa-
 me towne of great yermouth. And the same marches by þe sayd wardeyn to be registred
 in a boke. And also it was forþer enacted þe. xi. whan so ever the towne of Lynne
 shulde be inhabytred w. x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders except
 synge & vyllynge þe sayd craft or mystery of woostede weuers thā a fed thenforth þis to
 say as lōge as þe same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabytred w. the nombre of x. suche
 householders at þe least/ it shulde be lesull to þe same inhabitants of þe sayd towne of
 Lynne yerely in þe monday next after the fest of Pethecost/ to electe & chole of them
 selfe one wardayne of þe sayd craft & mystery of woostede weuers to be of þe value in
 lādes & goodes as is aforesayd of þe wardeyne of yermouth/ which wardeyne so elect
 shulde yerely be swozne & charged at þe sayd cite of Norwiche in lyke maner and at
 lyke day as is before lymptted to þe wardeynes of yermouth/ or in defaute of þe sayde
 shayre of Norwiche thā þe sayd wardeyne so to be electe for þe sayd towne of Lynne
 to take a corpozall othe before þe mayre of þe sayd towne of Lynne/ within suche tyme
 & after suche forme as is before lymptted vnto the sayd wardeyne of yermouth.
 And þe the sayd wardeyne of the sayd towne of Lynne for þe tyme beyng so electe
 & swozne by hym selfe/ myght & dayne & appoynt a seale with this letter. X. to be gra-
 uen in þe same seale/ & myght haue full power & auctoryte to byewe/ seccre/ seale/ &
 seale in leade/ with the same seale so to be grauen/ And w. none other/ al woostedes
 sayes/ & stampys/ within the sayd towne of Lynne/ & subarbes of the same/ made or
 to be made/ & nat els where/ in as large & ample maner as the sayd wardeyne of the
 sayd cite of Norwiche/ & wardeyne of þe sayd countre of Norff. or any of them had
 within the sayd cite or countre/ or otherwys myght do by auctoryte or vertue of þe
 aforesayd acte/ made in the sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde the fourthe/ & any thyng
 conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandyng. And that no person
 inhabytred within þe sayd towne of Lynne or subarbes therof shulde make any woost-
 edes/ sayes/ or stampys/ within the same towne/ except he wets engylthe bozne/
 & had ben apprentyce to the same occupacyon/ & without he weued therein lxx. s.
 per marke as shulde be lymptted and appoynted by the sayd wardeyne of the same
 towne of Lynne/ for the tyme beyng/ upon payne and forfeyture therof to þe kyng
 our souerayne lord. And that every wardeyne of the sayd towne shulde lympt/ dyssyn-
 cte and severall marches to every of the sayd woostede weuers of þe same towne.
 And the same marches by the sayd wardeyne to be registred in a boke.
 And it was forþer enacted that from the fest of saynt Michael the archangel
 than next folowynge/ vnto suche tyme as the sayd towne of Lynne shulde be inha-
 bytred with the sayd nombre of ten householders of the sayd craft of woostede weuers
 and al wyth after whan the nombre of ten householders shulde happen to saye/ and
 not be inhabytred in the sayd towne of Lynne/ the sayde wardeynes of the sayd cite
 of Norwiche

Anno rii. Henrici octauis.

of Nozwyche and therye successours shulde procure and cause one of them selves / or
 one of the wardernes of the sayde craite of the sayde countye of Noz. personally
 to come and be every .xxviii. daye frome and after the sayde feest of saynt Myghell
 the archaungell / in / and to the sayde towne of Lynne / or within fyr dayes nexte after
 everye suche .xxviii. day. And there to contynue & abyde by so longe tyme as he myght
 serche and seale all suche woostedes / sayes / and staunys / made in the same towne of
 Lynne / as than shulde be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole
 daye. And the sayde inhabytauntes of woostede weuers of the same towne of Lynne
 beyng / shulde contente and paye to the sayde wardernes of Nozwyche or Noz.
 whiche shulde so come to Lynne in the sayde .xxviii. daye or within the fyr dayes
 nexte after the .xxviii. daye / for his costes and expences for every tyme that he shulde
 so come to Lynne betwene the feestes of saynt Myghell the archaungell / and the In-
 nuncyacion of oure lady saynt Marye. iii. s. And for every tyme that he shulde so
 come to the sayde towne of Lynne / betwene the feest of the Innuncyacion of oure
 ladye / and the feest of saynt Myghell the archaungell. ii. s. And yf the sayde inhaby-
 tauntes of woostede weuers of the sayde towne of Lynne byde nat contente and paye
 to the sayde warderne commynge to Lynne in forme aforesayde for his sayde costes
 and charges the sayde. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue hymnytted. Than the same inhabytaun-
 tes shulde forsayte and paye to the sayde warderne or to his executors for every
 suche default of payment. xl. s. And yf none of the sayde wardernes of Nozwyche and
 Nozfolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cause aforesayde in maner and
 forme aboue remembred that the sayde wardernes of the sayde cytye of Nozwyche
 shulde forsayte and paye to the sayde inhabytauntes of Lynne of the sayde mystere
 of woostede weuers / for everye suche default. xl. s. for recompence of the penaltie and
 forseytes / the sayde wardernes of nozwyche or Nozfolke beyng therunto intytuled
 by that acte by his propre name with this addycyon / that is to save / Cuius gardiano-
 riuo nup vnius gardiano rii artis siue misterie textozum panni lanci vocat woosted in
 ciuitate Nozwyche / vel coru. Noz. As p trowth requyret / shuld & myght haue accion of
 det / by wyrt / byll / or playnt / in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme / a-
 gaynst the inhabytauntes of Lynne / of the sayde mystere for the tyme beyng by
 theyr sondry propre names. And p sayd inhabytauntes by theyr sayd names with this
 addycyon / Cextozum panni lanci vocat woostedes inhabitates ville de Lynne / shuld
 and myght haue lyke accion of det agaynst the sayd wardens of Nozwyche by p name
 of gardiam arti siue misterie textozum pannoium laneozum vocat woostedes infra ci-
 uitate Nozwici / vel coru. Noz. to be vied to good congruytees of laten / and forme of
 the lawes of this realme / in whiche accions or any of them none essoyr / protectyon /
 or wager of lawe shuld be sufferd or allowed. And that p partyculer bodies or goodes
 of any of the sayde wardens or inhabytauntes beyng condemned in any of the sayd
 accions shulde & myght be put in execucion after suche maner and forme as is vied in
 accion of det by cours of the comon lawe of this realme. And moze ouer it was enacted
 p all clothes of woostedes / sayes / & staunys made within any of the sayde towne of
 Lynne and great yermouth / or subarbes of the same or any of them / & marked w such
 marches as shuld be hymnytted to p markers by p sayd wardes of p sayd towne in maner
 & forme as is aboue sayd / And byweld & sealed by an y of p wardens of p sayd towne
 of Lynne & yermouth in forme remembred / by force & vertue of the sayd acte / myght be
 laufully put to sale by the owners & makers of the same without any other mahyng or
 sealynge

Anno. xpi. Henrici octavi.

vertue of the afoze remembred acte made in þe sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde þe iii.
 Any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary nat withstandynge. And þe no
 person inhabyted within þe sayd towne of great yermouth or subarbes therof shulde
 weue any woostedes/ sayes/ or stampys/ within þe same towne/ except he be an en-
 gylishe man bozne/ & had ben apprentyce to þe sayd occupacyon/ & without he weued
 there suche propre markes as shulde be lymptted & appoynted by þe sayd wardeyne of
 the sayd towne for the tyme beyng electe & swozne as is afoze sayde/ vpon payne of
 for seiture therof to þe kyng our souerayne lord. And þe every warden of þe sayd towne
 shulde lympt/ distyncte & seuerall markes to euery of þe sayd woostede weuers of þe sa-
 me towne of great yermouth. And the same markes by þe sayd wardē to be registred
 in a boke. And also it was forther enacted þe yf/ & whan so euer the towne of Lynne
 shulde be inhabyted w. x. sondry householders or moze nombze of householders eretry-
 syng & vlyng þe sayd craft or mystery of woostede weuers thā/ & fro then forth þis to
 say as lōge as þe same towne of Lynne shulde be inhabyted w. the nombze of x.liche
 householders at þe least/ it shulde be lesfull to þe same inhabitants of þe sayd towne of
 Lynne yerely in þe monday next after the feest of Wethecost/ to electe & chole of them
 selfe one wardayne of þe sayd craft & mystery of woostede weuers to be of þe value in
 lādes & goodes as is afoze sayd of þe wardayne of yermouth/ which wardayne so elect
 shulde yerely be swozne & charged at þe sayd cite of Norwiche in lyke maner and at
 lyke day as is before lymptted to þe wardaynes of yermouth/ or in defaute of þe sayde
 daye of Norwiche/ thā þe sayd wardayne so to be electe for þe sayd towne of Lynne
 to take a corporall othe before þe mayre of þe sayd towne of Lynne/ within suche tyme
 & after suche forme as is before lymptted vnto the sayd wardayne of yermouth.
 And þe the sayd wardayne of the sayd towne of Lynne for þe tyme beyng so electe
 & swozne by hym selfe/ myght & dayne & appoynt a seale with this letter. A. to be gra-
 uen in þe same seale/ & myght haue full power & auctoryte to vprewe/ sece/ seale/ &
 seale in leade/ with the same seale so to be grauen/ And w. none other/ al woostedes
 sayes/ & stampys/ within the sayd towne of Lynne/ & subarbes of the same/ made or
 to be made/ & nat els where/ in as large & ample maner as the sayd wardayne of the
 sayd cite of Norwiche/ & wardayne of þe sayd countye of Norff. or any of them had
 within the sayd cite or countye/ or otherwys myght do by auctoryte or vertue of þe
 afoze sayd acte/ made in the sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde the fourthe/ Any thyng
 conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandynge. And that no person
 inhabyted within þe sayd towne of Lynne or subarbes therof/ shulde make any wo-
 stedes/ sayes/ or stampys/ within the same towne/ except he were engylishe bozne/
 & had ben apprentyce to the same occupacyon/ & without he weued therin suche pro-
 per markes as shulde be lymptted and appoynted by the sayd wardayne of the same
 towne of Lynne/ for the tyme beyng/ vpon payne and for seiture therof to þe kyng
 our souerayne lord. And that euery wardayne of the sayd towne shulde lymptte/ di-
 styncte and seuerall markes to euery of the sayd woostede weuers of þe same towne.
 And the same markes by the sayd wardayne to be registred in a boke.
 And it was forther enacted that from the feest of saynt Whithell the archangel-
 than next folowynge/ vnto suche tyme as the sayd towne of Lynne shulde be in-
 habyted with the sayd nombze of ten householders of the sayd craft of woostede weuers
 and alwayes after whan the nombze of ten householders shulde happen to saye/ and
 not be inhabyted in the sayd towne of Lynne/ the sayde wardaynes of the sayd cite
 of Norwiche

Anno rci. Henrici octau.

of Norwiche and theire successours shulde procure and cause one of them selves / or
 one of the wardynes of the sayde crafte of the sayde countye of Norff. personally
 to come and be euery .xxviii. daye froime and after the sayde feast of saynt Hyghell
 the archaungell / in / and to the sayde towne of Lynne / or within xij dayes nexte after
 euery suche .xxviii. day. And there to contynue & abyde by so longe tyme as he myght
 serche and seale all suche worstedes / sayes / and stannys / made in the same towne of
 Lynne / as shalbe brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole
 daye. And the sayde inhabytauntes of worstede weuers of the same towne of Lynne
 beyng / shulde contente and paye to the sayde wardynes of Norwiche or Norff.
 whiche shulde so come to Lynne in the sayde .xxviii. daye or within the xij dayes
 nexte after the .xxviii. daye / for his costes and expences for euery tyme that he shulde
 so come to Lynne betwene the feestes of saynt Hyghell the archaungell / and the An-
 nuncyacion of oure lady saynt Marye. iii. s. And for euery tyme that he shulde so
 come to the sayde towne of Lynne / betwene the feast of the Annuncyacion of oure
 ladye / and the feast of saynt Hyghell the archaungell. ii. s. And yf the sayde inhaby-
 tauntes of worstede weuers of the sayde towne of Lynne dyde nat contente and paye
 to the sayde wardyne commynge to Lynne in forme aforesayde for his sayde costes
 and charges the sayde. iii. s. or ii. s. as is aboue hymnted. Than the same inhabytaun-
 tes shulde forsayte and paye to the sayde wardyne or to his exccutours for euery
 suche default of payment. xl. s. And yf none of the sayde wardynes of Norwiche and
 Norffolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cause aforesayde in maner and
 forme aboue remembred that the sayde wardynes of the sayde cytye of Norwiche
 shulde forsayte and paye to the sayde inhabytauntes of Lynne of the sayde mystere
 of worstede weuers / for euery suche default. xl. s. for recompence of the penaltye and
 forseytes / the sayde wardynes of norwiche or Norffolke beyng therunto intytuled
 by that acte by his propre name with this addycyon / that is to saye / Cuius gardiano-
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 ciuitate Norwiche / vel com. Norff. As þ trowth requyrez / shuld & myght haue accio of
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 theyr sondry propre names. And þ sayd inhabytaunted by theyr sayd names with this
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 and myght haue lyke accion of det agaynst the sayd wardens of Norwiche by þ name
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 uitate Norwiche / vel com. norff. to be vsed to good congruytees of luten / and forme of
 the lawes of this realme / in whiche accyons or any of them none esloyn / protectyon /
 or waiger of lawe shuld be suffred or allowed. And that þ partyculer bodyes or goodes
 of any of the sayde wardens or inhabytauntes beyng condemned in any of the sayd
 accyons shulde & myght be put in exccucion after suche maner and forme as is vsed in
 accio of det by cours of the comon lawe of this realme. And moze ouer it was enacted
 þ all clothes of worstedes / sayes / & stannys made within any of the sayde townes of
 Lynne and great yermouth / or subarbes of the same or any of them / & marked w such
 markes as shuld be hymnted to þ markers by þ sayd wardens of þ sayd towne in maner
 & forme as is aboue sayd / And byewed & sealed by an y of þ wardens of þ sayd townes
 of Lynne & yermouth in forme remebred / by force & vertue of the sayd acte / myght be
 lausfully put to sale by the owners & makers of the same without any other making or
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sealyng upon the same clothes oꝛ upon any of them to be had oꝛ made / of / oꝛ upon any of the sayde clothes foꝛ lacke of any other scales oꝛ inches. Any thyng conteyned in the sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edward the fourth to the contrary nat withstandyng. And ouer this it was enacted that euery crafter man of the sayde mystery and occupacyon of woꝛstede makynge / dwellyng within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and yermouth / and subarbes of the same at theyꝝ owne free wylls and lybertyes fꝛo them forth foꝛ euer / myght haue and take apprentyce oꝛ appyntices beyng male of the age of. xviij. yeres / and hwarde / and beyng the kynges naturall subiettes foꝛ terme of seven yeres / and not vnder / so that none of them errebe the number of two at ones to lerne / vse / and exercise the sayd crafter within cyther of the sayd two townes of Lynne and great yermouth and subarbes of the same. All be it the father of the sayd appyntyce oꝛ appyntices myght nat expende in landes oꝛ teneimentes to the yerely value of xx. s. Any acte oꝛ ordenaunce to the contrary made oꝛ to be made nat withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded alway that the same acte noꝛ any thyng therein conteyned / shulde nat in any wyse be hurtfull oꝛ prejudyciall to the Maye of Noꝛwyche / oꝛ to his successour / oꝛ to the wardens of the sayd cyte oꝛ countrey / oꝛ to theyꝝ successours in any poynt / arte / tyde / power / oꝛ auctoryte / other than foꝛ weuyng / seerchynge / and sealyng of woꝛstedes / sayes / and stamyns / made oꝛ to be made onely within the sayd townes of Lynne and yermouth / oꝛ subarbes of the same / oꝛ to any of them. And foꝛ lymytynge of that kes to the makers of woꝛstedes / sayes / and stamyns onely inhabyted in cyther of the sayd townes oꝛ subarbes therof / And takynge of appyntices in saue aboute remembred. But that the sayde Maye of the sayde cyte of Noꝛwyche / and wardens of the same cyte and countrey / and euery of them myght haue and vse all other poyntes / arte / tydes / powers / and auctorytes conteyned and specyfyed in the aboue remembred acte made in the sayde seuenth yere of kyng Edward the. iiii. As well foꝛ the seerche / sealyng / correctyon & reformatyon / of the sayd wardens / newly to be elect by the vertue of the same acte. And euery of them accordyng / and after / suche forme as they myght do oꝛ vse / Any of the sayd wardens of the sayd cyte oꝛ countrey by force of the sayd acte made in the sayde. vii. yere of kyng Edward the fourth / As all and euery other enqueries / correctyons / seerches / sealynges / and reformatyons to be had foꝛ the frewe makynge of woꝛstedes / sayes / stamyns / in and vpon any prerson oꝛ persons / as well with in the sayd townes of Lynne and yermouth as without / without trouble / let / oꝛ vraycyd / of any of the inhabytautes of the sayd towne / as in large and ample wyse as they myght haue done befoꝛe the makynge of the sayde acte / Any thyng conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandyng.

¶ And also it was farther prouyded and enacted / that the sayd crafter me of woꝛstede weuers / inhabyted / oꝛ after that to be inhabyted within cyther of the sayd townes of Lynne and yermouth oꝛ subarbes of the same. And the marchauntes oꝛ any other person / oꝛ persons whiche shulde happen to bye of the same crafter men / oꝛ any of them / oꝛ any other person / any of the sayde clothes of woꝛstedes / sayes / stamyns / made oꝛ to be made within cyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and yermouth / and sealed by the sayde wardynes of the same townes / to be cleete and sworne as is afoꝛsayde. And any of them shulde nat there / bye / oꝛ put in coloure / oꝛ halender / any woꝛstedes / stamyns / oꝛ sayes made / oꝛ after that to be made within cyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and yermouth / oꝛ subarbes of the same / in any other place oꝛ places / but onely

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but only within the sayd cyte of Ro:wyche o: subarbes of the same/ upon payne of fo:seiture of every pce of worstede/ sayes/ o: stamyns/ to be made within any of the sayd towne of Lynne and yerimouth/ o: subarbes of the same/ o: the baltie therof/ shorne/ dyed/ coloured/ o: kalendred/ by any of the sayd crafter men/ byers / o: marchauntes/ in any other place o: places thā in the sayd cyte of Ro:wyche/ o: subarbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our souereyne lo:de/ and the other halfe therof to such person o: persons as shulde lease the same/ so that the sayd worstedes brought to the sayd cyte of Ro:wyche to be shorne/ dyed/ coloured/ and kalendred/ without royn o: crafte of any of the sayd inhabytauntes and marchauntes/ myght be shorne/ dyed/ coloured/ and kalendred/ at and by/ as conuenient p:ce o: p:ces/ and in as redy wyse as the sayd inhabytauntes of eyther of the sayd towne of Lynne and yerimouth/ and marchauntes / byers of the sayd worstedes/ o: other of the sayd cyte and countye had had in tynes past / o: after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabytauntes & marchauntes/ and euery of them so byyng/inge the sayd worstedes to the same cyte to be shorne/ dyed/ coloured/ and kalendred/ were reasonably and lausfully entreated acco:dyng to the sayd acte made in the sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edward the. iiii. & the o:denaunce made & assygned/ o: thereafter to be made and assygned fo: the sayd mystery without let o: dysturbance contrary to the same acte o: o:denaunces in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted that no person o: persons any tyme after s: shulde couey o: transpote into any of the parties of beyonde the see/ any maner of clothes of worstedes before the same clothes were shorne/ dyed/ coloured/ and kalendred upon payne of fo:seiture the value therof. The one halfe to the kyng our souereyne lo:de / and the other halfe therof to the partye that wyl sue therfore by accyon of playnt of det in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche accyon o: sute no proteccyon o: essoyne shulde be allowed/ no: the defender admytted to wage his lawe / As by the sayd acte therof made moze playnly appereth/ whiche acte was made to endure vnto the nexte parlyament/ wherby it is now exp:ed.

¶ In consyderacyon wherof/ and fo: as moche as the same acte is a good and a necessary acte fo: the true making of worstedes/ sayes/ & stamyns/ & very comodous/ & profitable fo: the encrease of the sayd towne of yerimouth and Lynne.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by s: kyng our souereyne lo:de & the lo:des spryitual and tēporall/ and the cōmons in this present parlyament assembled/ that the same acte & euery artycle/ sentence/ and p:ouysyon/ therein cōtayned/ from the first day of this present parlyament/ be and stande in full strength/ vertue and effecte. And to endure vnto the last ende of the nexte parlyament / any thyng in the same acte cōteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

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